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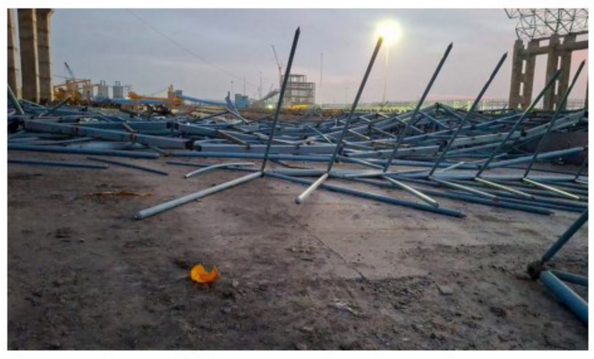

The spot where scaffolding came crashing down at the Ennore power plant near Chennai on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

9 killed in accident at Ennore power plant

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Nine migrant workers from Assam were killed and one person was injured when scaffolding came crashing down on a construction site in the Ennore Special Economic Zone thermal power project near Ponneri on the outskirts of Chennai on Tuesday.

The group of workers were building a concrete arch for the 1,320-MW Ennore SEZ thermal power station when the accident took place, according to a senior official in the Avadi Police Commissioner's office. They were working at a height of more than 20 feet when the iron scaffolding installed for the construction of the arch collapsed.

Fellow workers rescued the 10 injured people and rushed them to the Government Stanley Hospital, but nine of them died on the way. One injured worker is still under treatment in the hospital.

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7.42 crore voters on Bihar's final electoral rolls at the end of SIR

EC says physical, digital copies of rolls being shared with parties; electors with complaints can appeal before the District Magistrate and State CEO

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Ahead of the Assembly election in Bihar, the Election Commission on Tuesday released the final electoral rolls in the State with nearly 7.42 crore names on the completion of the special intensive revision of the list.

Prior to the revision, the State had 7.89 crore voters as on June 24. When the draft list was released on August 1, there were 7.24 crore names with 65 lakh removed. On the final list, 21.53 lakh names were added and 3.66 lakh removed, a press statement from the commission said.

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar thanked the electors, officials, booth-level agents and leaders of political parties in Bihar for the completion of the special revision in the State after a gap of 22 Years today.

Bihar's Chief Electoral Officer Vinod Singh Gunjiyal said voters could check their details on voters.eci.gov.in/download-eroll.

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Final **count**

Nearly 7.42 crore voters will form the electorate in Bihar for the upcoming Assembly election. This final figure comes after a months-long **Special Intensive Revision (SIR)** of the rolls, which saw large-scale deletions, fresh additions and many corrections.

7.89 crore: Electors as on June 24, 2025

65 lakh Removed during draft preparation

7.24 crore Electors in draft List (Aug. 1, 2025)

3.66 lakh: Removed from draft list

21.53 lakh: Added to draft list (through Form 6 applications)

≈7.42 crore: Final electors as on Sept. 30, 2025

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CM announces more relief for rain-hit farmers

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After an aerial survey of flood-hit areas in Kalyana Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday announced that the State government would provide an additional ₹8,500 per hectare over and above the Union government's crop loss compensation under Nationalk Disaster Response Fund norms, across all three crop categories – rainfed, irrigated, and perennial. » PAGE 19

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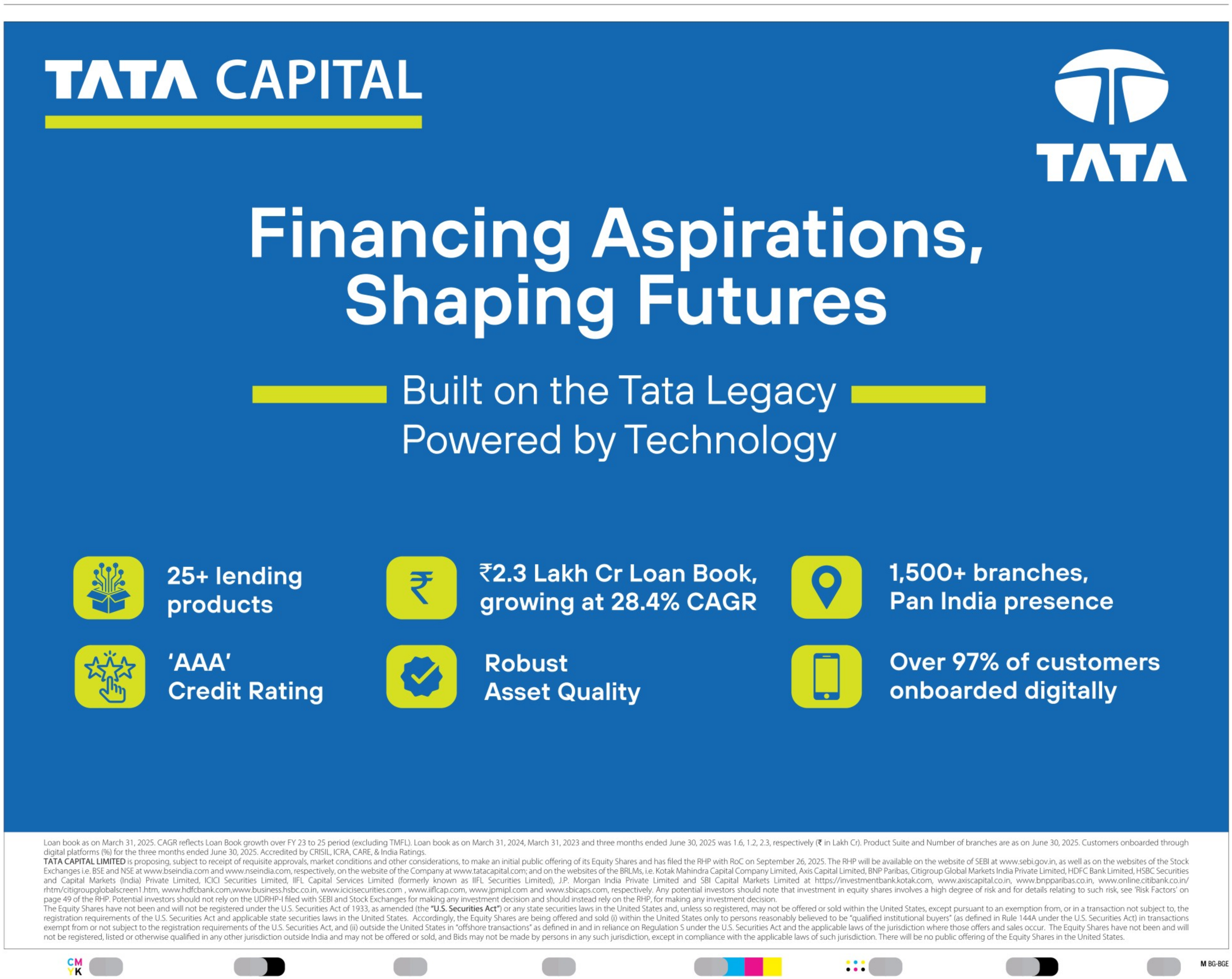

Weight of history against WI as it seeks a turnaround in India

Shorn of pace aces Shamar and Joseph, the visiting Caribbean team will hope to put up a challenge even as the batters gear up for a stern spin test; the West Indies bowlers, too, face a tough task against the in-form batting unit of Gill and his men

VIJAY SONEJI

R. Kaushik
AHMEDABAD

There is no tangible entry called the West Indies, yet there was a time when West Indies was the second favourite team for all cricket viewers, after their respective home nations. The brand of cricket they portrayed was entertaining, exhilarating, almost other-worldly. They possessed a pace attack that sent shivers up the spine of the best batting units in the world, they had batters who could destroy and decimate any bowling attack anywhere in the universe. They lorded the Test arena, of course, but their natural flair and innate athleticism also brought them the first two limited-overs World Cups in England in 1975 and 1979, both 60-over affairs.

That time is now well in the past. West Indies no longer are the lords and masters of the cricketing ecosystem. They haven't been for a while now. True, they won the T20 World Cup twice in three editions, but most of their Test victories now are considered upsets. Every besting of a top nation is hyped up as the harbinger of a new dawn, but more often than not, sporadic victories have been followed by a string of shattering losses.

New low

West Indies hit the lowest of lows over the last few days after surrendering their first Twenty20 International series against Nepal 0-2 in Sharjah. True, it wasn't West Indies at full strength - truth to tell, no one knows anymore what a full-strength West Indian side is - but it was a team that played under the West Indies banner. To be rolled over by an Associate nation still finding its feet in cricket, to be shot out for 83 in the second of those two games, must be viewed as a catastrophe by those still invested in West Indies cricket. That number is, sadly, dwindling by the day. A proud set of people have been disillusioned by the apathy of those administering the game in that region, an apathy that seems have seeped into the playing fraternity as well. They are currently ranked eighth out of 12 teams that play Test cricket. It wasn't thus, it shouldn't be thus.

In their first Test visit of India since October 2018, Roston Chase and his men face a tall order against an Indian side fresh off a stirring 2-2 stalemate in England. India are on the throes of five-day transition following the retirements in the last 10 months of R Ashwin, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, in that order. West Indies have been in transition for a couple of decades now, struggling to piece together settled units that can compete on even terms with the rest on a sustained basis. India are powerhouses at home, their 0-3 surrender to New Zealand last year notwithstanding; West Indies don't inspire the same awe, which has left the cricketing world a lot poorer.

The last time West Indies won a Test match in India was in 1994, in the first game hosted by the PCA Stadium in Mohali. The stadium itself has now gone out of international commission, replaced by the new facility in Mullanpur, some 40 minutes away from Mohali in what is now called New Chandigarh. One has to go all the way back to 1983-84 for the Caribbeans' last series triumph in the traditional land of spin. Clive Lloyd's men had a point to prove after being stunned in the final of the World Cup at Lord's a few months previously, their designs of a hat-trick of titles rudely shattered. Determined to punish India for their audacity, they mounted a spectacular campaign, winning the first, third and fifth Tests of a six-match series during which Sunil Gavaskar went past Don Bradman's record of 29 centuries with a career-best unbeaten 236 in the final game, in Chennai.

More than 40 years have passed since that 3-0 victory, upwards of 30 years have elapsed after the Mohali success which fuelled the last stalemate between the sides on Indian soil. India have won each of the four subsequent series with a measure of comfort. The last of them was a comprehensive 2-0 sweep with Prithvi Shaw marking his debut in Rajkot with a hundred and Rishabh Pant scoring 92s in Rajkot and Hyderabad, which hosted the second Test. Shaw has tapered off, his international career in a limbo; finding no takers in the IPL and left out of the Mumbai squad, he has moved to Maharashtra to resurrect his career. Pant, who has made a remarkable recovery from a life-threatening road accident in December 2022, is on the road to regaining full fitness after sustaining a fracture in his right leg during the Manchester Test towards the end of July. Even in his absence, India wear a formidable look with Dhruv Jurel looking to make a name for himself again after a terrific debut against England at home last year in Pant's injury enforced absence.

West Indies don't have too many names that even die-hard Indian cricket followers will be familiar with. Two bowlers with the capacity to make a big impact have been ruled out through injuries. Shamar Joseph had an outstanding debut in Adelaide in January last year with a five-wicket haul, which he followed up with seven for 68 in the next match in Brisbane, a day-night encounter which the Caribbeans won by eight runs. It was their first victory on Australian soil in 27 years; the Guyanese quick has 51 wickets from 11 Tests and could have posed India tough questions with his pace, but without him and Alzarri Joseph, the former Under-19 star from Antigua who is a 40-Test veteran, the pace attack looks undercooked and a little out of sorts.

India will be desperate to prove to their fans that the New Zealand implosion was a one-off that should not detract from their dominance on home patch. In some ways, the Kiwis got lucky; India shockingly misread the conditions in Bengaluru despite the first day of the series being washed out. Rohit opted to bat, India was rolled over for 46 and that set in motion a chain of events that consigned it to its first ever whitewash in a three-Test home series. Tom Latham won both tosses on turners in Pune and Mumbai, exploited adroitly by left-arm spinners Mitchell Santner and Ajaz Patel respectively. The 3-0 defeat ended India's chances of making it to the final of the World Test Championship for a third cycle running. It also exposed the folly of presenting turners to overseas spinners, who were thus able to bridge the gulf in quality between themselves and India's more accomplished slower bowlers.

It is debatable if, in the first home series since Ashwin's retirement, India will make the same mistake again of bringing the West Indian spinners, including vice-captain Jomel Warrican, the left-arm spinner, into play. Even without Ashwin, there is so much quality and depth in the Indian spinning ranks. The extended squad of 15 has four tweakers, of whom three are likely to figure in the first Test, starting on Thursday at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. Kuldeep Yadav, the left-arm wrist-spinner, hasn't played a Test since the Bengaluru disaster against the Kiwis, but warmed up with 17 wickets from seven matches in the T20 Asia Cup in the Emirates, while Washington Sundar is coming off a nice little run with Hampshire in the English County Championship. Ravindra Jadeja, who will round off the triumvirate, is well rested after his exploits in England, mainly with the bat, and should relish the role of the lead spinner. Axar Patel is waiting in the wings, hoping to break back into the Test XI. He took 20 wickets in back-to-back Tests in Ahmedabad against England in February 2021 though in his last five-day game at the venue against Australia in March last year, he had to be content with match figures of two for 83 on a dead surface that threw up a dull, dreary draw.

India don't much fancy draws these days. With WTC points available from every game, skipper Shubman Gill and head coach Gautam Gambhir will leave no stone unturned in the bid to build on the gains derived from England.

Not many gave India a chance to come away from England with honours shared, but with the skipper leading from the front and pacer Mohammed Siraj rising to the occasion in the final Test at the Oval where too Jasprit Bumrah was rested, they eked out a commendable 2-2 scoreline.

Gill finished the series with 754 runs before travelling to Dubai for the Asia Cup. Any concerns that he might have got into bad T20 habits which might affect his Test game should be viewed against the fact that he faced only 84 deliveries in seven innings - that's 12 balls per knock - which wasn't time enough to attract routines counter-productive to Test match batsmanship.

West Indies have nothing to lose and therefore, at least in theory, they should come out swinging, but not recklessly, if they get the opportunity to do so. They know that in all ways imaginable, the pressure will be on the home side. India is expected to get the job done, and get it done quickly, given the wide gulf between the sides. Without the two Josephs, they might unearth another potent quick looking to make an immediate impact. On slowish pitches, that might not be on the cards, but unless they give it a shot, we won't know either, will we?

The Caribbean bowlers will be under no illusion about the magnitude of the task ahead of them. India's batters all filled their boots in England with reinvigorated opener Yashasvi Jaiswal (twice), Jadeja and Washington Sundar, left-handers all, making hundreds alongside K.L. Rahul and Pant, who each finished with two centuries, and Gill, who topped the charts with four. Rahul and Jaiswal are in the starting stages of forging an excellent working relationship at the top of the order, which India will attempt to use as a springboard to greater success.

Overmatched West Indies against fancied India might not throw up riveting fare, but then again, what is Test cricket without glorious uncertainties?

THE GIST

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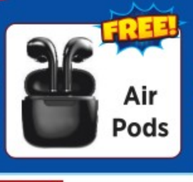

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Polar geoengineering could cause severe harm: scientists

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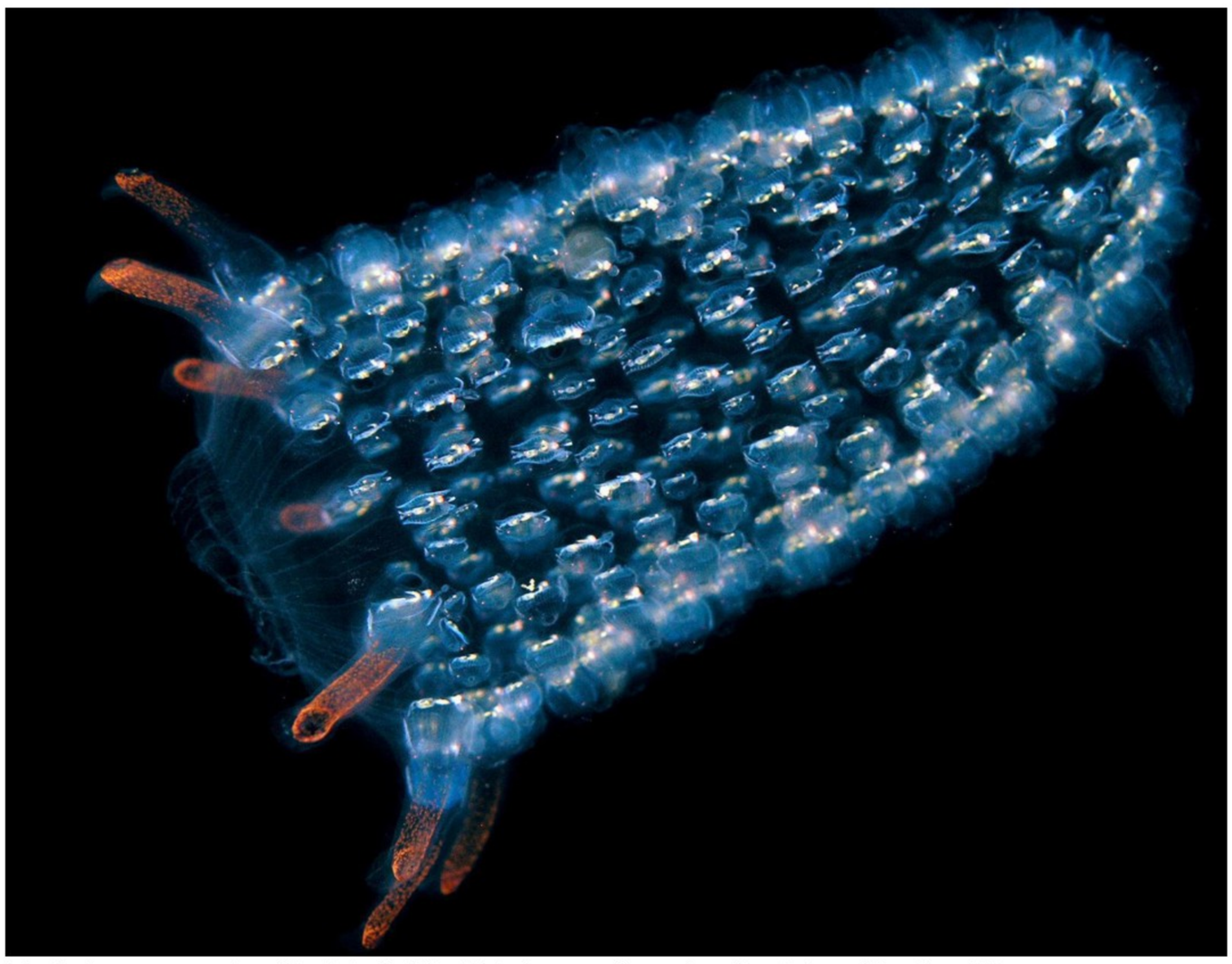

A free-floating pyrosome made up of hundreds of individual bioluminescent tunicates, a form of zooplankton, off East Timor, 2005. NICK HOBGOOD (CC BY-SA)

Geoengineering is a hotly contested topic among both scientists and policymakers. While some call it an innovative solution that could buy a warming world some time, others believe it's a reckless cop-out that could further environmental exploitation. A new study, led by University of Exeter geoscience professor Martin Siegert, has now tipped the balance in favour of its opponents by reporting that five prominent geoengineering concepts, proposed for the earth's polar regions, fail to meet essential criteria for responsible climate interventions.

The researchers also added that these methods could render severe environmental damage with far-reaching global consequences.

Their findings were published in *Frontiers in Science* on September 9.

The five methods in question are:

1. Stratospheric aerosol injection (SAI): deliberately releasing aerosols into the earth's atmosphere to reflect sunlight and cool the earth's surface

2. Sea curtains/sea walls: blocking warm ocean water from reaching the ice sheets in polar regions using large buoyant structures attached to the seabed

3. Sea ice management: scattering glass microbeads over sea ice to boost their reflectivity and artificially thicken them

4. Basal water removal: reducing ice loss by removing subglacial water from under glaciers to slow the movement of ice sheets and decelerate sea level rise

5. Ocean fertilisation: drawing more CO2, from the atmosphere into the ocean by adding nutrients like iron to polar oceans to stimulate phytoplankton growth.

Where SAI stumbles

Currently, research on SAI is focused on four aerosol species: sulphur dioxide, sulphur aerosols, titanium dioxide, and calcium carbonate.

Scientists however, have raised concerns that injecting these aerosols into the upper atmosphere will create more problems than it promises to solve. In polar winters, there's no sunlight to reflect, rendering the injection useless for half the year. Even during summers, the ice and snow masses in polar regions already reflect most of the sunlight naturally, so adding more reflective particles couldn't help much.

SAI also comes with the threat of termination shocks. Research has found that if a geoengineering project is stopped suddenly, global temperatures could skyrocket in only 10-20 years as the greenhouse effect that the aerosols' consequences were masking will return. Taken together, an SAI project, once implemented, will have to run continuously for a long time. There is also no international instrument at present that guarantees to pay for such an undertaking or determines who will bear responsibility if it backfires.

Using SAI to 'only' cool polar regions can also disrupt seasons worldwide because weather and climate phenomena are influenced by far-flung effects, with potentially drastic implications on nutritional and national security.

Finally, of course, SAI is not cheap. The new study estimated that if 30 countries were to split the cost, they'd each have to cough up $55 million a year – in addition to dealing with legal issues.

On shaky legs

Similarly, plans to build large underwater 'curtains' pose considerable technical and environmental hurdles. Installing the heavy foundations is a difficult job even on land, let alone in seafloor sediments and rugged bedrock hundreds of metres below the surface. Such engineering activity may also slow melting in some areas, according to some models.

Another major obstacle to the proposal to add sea curtains is the logistics. The Amundsen Sea in Western Antarctica is one of the most remote and hostile places on the earth's surface and is accessible for only a few months each year. Few ships can even attempt such work; building the vessels of the requisite class would cost around half a billion dollars each as well.

Similar proposals for Greenland may be somewhat more feasible, but their overall consequences on sea level rise remain uncertain.

This geoengineering method has also been associated with extreme potential marine environmental consequences, including negative effects on oceanic circulation and sea ice levels. Barriers in the water will also stand in the way of marine life like fish and marine mammals, which feed at depth in these regions, the researchers said.

At present, it's also not clear which materials can be used for this purpose. They will have to be selected such that their wear and tear over time doesn't release toxic compounds into the water, polluting it and further disrupting natural nutrient cycles that are already fragile.

Based on previous research, the new study estimated that this method could cost a lot more than $1 billion (₹8,783 crore) per kilometre.

Inefficient interventions

The principal challenge with managing sea-ice levels is ecotoxicity. While some tests and modelling exercises are currently underway, there's no real clarity on how it will affect invertebrate organisms, especially zooplankton. The glass microbeads may also dissolve quickly in seawater, limiting their usefulness. To have any impact, in fact, the study has estimated that 360 million tonnes of beads will be required every year – roughly equal to the world's annual production of plastics, thus creating tremendous logistical, supply chain, and emissions challenges.

Worse yet, some studies have also found that the microbeads could absorb sunlight and have a net warming effect on Arctic Sea ice. The new study also concluded that managing sea ice in this way could prove economically unviable compared to mitigating the emissions of greenhouse gases and adopting efficient adaptation strategies.

The aim of Arctic sea-ice freezing is to thicken the ice by pumping seawater either onto the ice surface, where it will freeze, or into the air so that it precipitates as snow and is deposited on the surface of extant ice.

According to experts, this method is neither practical nor effective. Research has estimated that up to 100 million pumps will be needed to cover the Arctic, which will draw a million units of electricity every year for a decade, representing a counterproductive draw on international energy production and finance. The pumps will also have to be pinned in place to keep them from drifting and will need to be maintained at regular intervals, increasing the local carbon footprint. Even if such a massive effort were possible, researchers have cautioned that it will only preserve late-summer sea ice for a few decades and will have little overall impact on slowing global warming.

Research has found that if a geoengineering project is stopped suddenly, global temperatures could skyrocket in only 10-20 years as the greenhouse effect that the aerosols' consequences were masking will return

The method is also expected to incur production and transportation costs of $500 billion a year for the whole Arctic – an infeasible investment for a project that's barely expected to work.

Scaling issues

Subglacial water in Antarctica is mostly generated by frictional and geothermal heating. However, according to research, drawing this water away with the aim of slowing the rate at which glaciers slide into the oceans is flawed, not to mention a highly emissions-intensive exercise that will demand continuous monitoring and maintenance.

Finally, while adding iron filings to stimulate the growth of phytoplankton in the ocean could work, there's no way to control which species will dominate. This creates critical uncertainties in local food chains and food web dynamics. For example, if the filings enhance biological productivity in artificially fertilised regions, organisms there might be driven to consume more and more nutrients that might otherwise have circulated to lower latitudes.

The authors of the new study also said that this isn't a viable strategy because of the scale it will need to be deployed at.

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Beyond geoengineering

Per the new study, protecting and even reversing the damage caused by global warming will need "climate-resilient development," which in turn requires changes in the relationship between humans and the planet. The most common components of this are decarbonisation and better maintenance of protected areas.

However, protected areas – which have long been touted as bulwarks against ecological decline – have attracted criticism for their fortress-like model of conservation. By displacing local communities, these areas can cut off centuries-old relationships between people and ecosystems and undermine traditional knowledge and livelihoods. Experts have also found that militarised enforcement in such areas could foster rather than discourage human-wildlife conflicts, breeding resentment in the local (human) population.

Protected zones can also strain local governments by diverting resources from broader environmental reforms, while sealing off habitats could overlook ecological processes that cross artificial boundaries, potentially reducing ecosystem resilience.

Global efforts to decarbonise also face a host of intertwined challenges. Foremost among them is the continued reliance on fossil fuels, which still account for over 80% of global energy use despite decades of policy commitments. Transitioning away from coal, oil, and natural gas also demands large upfront investments in renewable infrastructure, grid modernisation, and storage capacity – costs that many developing economies can't easily shoulder.

And even where funds exist, political resistance has loomed large, especially in the form of entrenched fossil-fuel lobbies and voter anxieties over rising energy prices. Scaling up renewable energy production, storage, and uptake also needs to surmount supply chain bottlenecks for critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, and rare earths. In addition, the global energy divide persists: while industrialised countries seek to cut emissions, many poorer nations have argued that their developmental needs have yet to be met, creating diplomatic rifts at climate negotiations.

Even so, lowering carbon emissions remains the most promising way to avert catastrophic climate change. Unlike geoengineering or delayed adaptation strategies, decarbonisation can directly address the root cause by curbing the accumulation of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere. Lowering emissions can also improve air quality and minimise environmental pollution. In fact, every tonne of emissions avoided today will translate to fewer shocks tomorrow, buying humankind the sort of stability that some are currently looking for with geoengineering.

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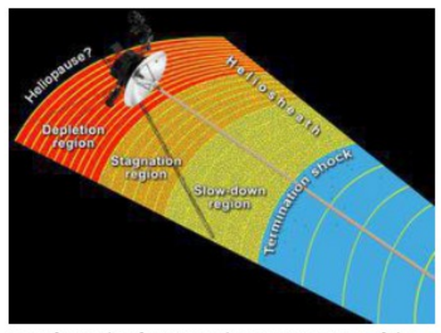

An infographic featuring the outer regions of the heliosphere based on data from the Voyager spacecraft. NASA/JPL

NASA's IMAP will show how solar particles are energised and shield us

The Hindu Bureau

Space isn't empty. The sun issues a continuous stream of charged particles called the solar wind, which creates a vast region around our solar system called the heliosphere. This region acts like a protective bubble that shields the planets from cosmic rays and interstellar particles. Yet the structure, dynamics, and boundary of the heliosphere are still poorly understood. Scientists want to know how particles are accelerated in the solar wind and how they interact with the space between stars. Changes in the solar wind and its particles also affect space weather, which can damage satellites, harm astronauts, and disrupt communication systems on earth.

To address these questions, NASA launched the Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe (IMAP) on September 24. Its goal is to map the heliosphere's boundary, trace energetic particles, and improve space weather forecasting.

IMAP is equipped with 10 scientific instruments, each designed to detect different types of particles or phenomena in space. Some of them are energetic neutral-atom detectors (IMAP-Lo, IMAP-Hi, IMAP-Ultra), which capture neutral atoms that were once charged ions but were changed by acquiring electrons. Other instruments detect charged particles directly, magnetic fields, interstellar dust, and solar-wind structures.

After launch, IMAP will travel to the sun-earth Lagrange point 1 (L1), about 1.6 million km from the earth toward the sun, where gravitational forces balance in a way that allows the spacecraft to remain in a stable orbit with minimal fuel use. Once there, IMAP will continuously observe incoming solar wind and energetic particles from a fixed vantage point. IMAP will also send data in near real-time to help scientists monitor space weather conditions.

IMAP, which was launched on September 24, will map the heliosphere's boundary, trace energetic particles, and improve space weather forecasting

Based on mission design and early operations, scientists expect IMAP will produce the most detailed maps yet of the heliosphere's boundary, revealing how the solar wind collides with the interstellar medium. It will also trace how particles accelerate from the sun, move out, or are energised in the heliosphere. In more specialised research, IMAP-Lo is expected to be able to observe interstellar neutral hydrogen and deuterium, possibly distinguishing primary versus secondary populations of these atoms at the heliopause, which is the outermost layer of the heliosphere.

IMAP data are expected to have profound implications. By revealing the structure and dynamics of the heliosphere, physicists can deepen their understanding of how our solar system is protected against cosmic radiation. That is relevant to understanding the earth's habitability and that of exoplanets as well. Second, better data on solar wind behaviour will strengthen physicists' ability to forecast space weather, in turn helping protect satellites, communications networks, power grids, and orbital crews.

For future human exploration beyond the earth, IMAP's measurements of how particles travel and are accelerated will help plan safer routes and design better shielding for spacecraft.

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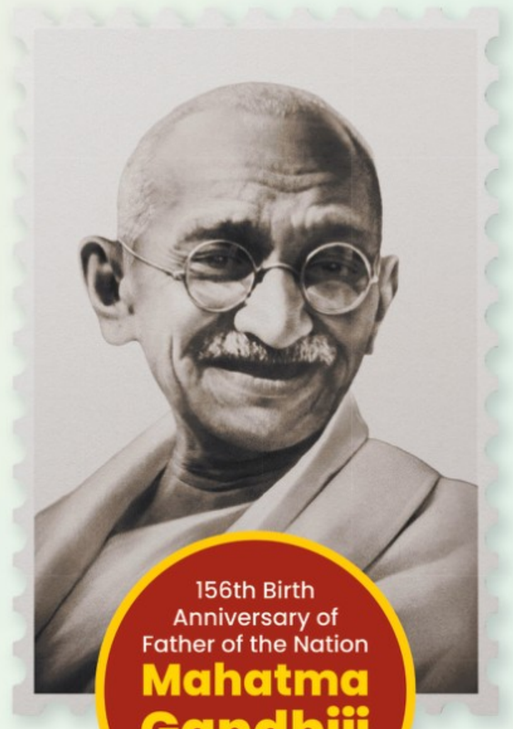

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Software upgrade: Bescom to issue average consumption-based bills

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The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) has announced that electricity bills for consumers under the Greater Bengaluru Area (GBA) will be generated based on the average consumption of the past three months, owing to an ongoing software upgrade.

The company's IT department is currently upgrading its billing system to improve efficiency and streamline operations, according to a release by Bescom on Tuesday. As a result, meter readers will not be carrying out physical meter readings across the GBA between October 1 and 15. Instead, consumers will receive bills calculated using their average consumption from the last three billing cycles, the release stated.

Bescom has promised that this temporary measure will not affect the benefits under the State government's Gruha Jyothi scheme. FILE PHOTO

Bescom has promised that this temporary measure will not affect the benefits availed under the State government's Gruha Jyothi scheme, which provides up to 200 units of free power for eligible households.

Consumers can continue to make payments as usual through the BESCOM Mitra mobile application, UPI platforms, or by visiting their respective sub-division offices.

Officials clarified that normal meter reading operations will resume after October 15 once the system upgrade is complete.

Graduation day held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sri Sairam College of Engineering, Anekal, held its 25th graduation day on September 27.

M.G. Vamsi Krishna, Deputy Director, AICTE, was the chief guest, while Kishore Jain, managing director, Jain Heights and Structures Pvt. Ltd., was the guest of honour.

In his presidential address, Chief Business Officer Sathish Kumar R. urged graduates to pursue their goals with passion.

Mr. Vamsi Krishna lauded parents for their role in shaping students' futures, calling graduation "a new beginning" and urging graduates to seize the opportunities ahead.

Delay in appointment of guest faculty: Academic calendar for UG, PG courses revised

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

This move is an effort by the department to compensate for the loss of classes suffered by students in the absence of guest faculty

To make up for the delay in the appointment of guest faculty for Government First Grade Colleges in the State, the government has revised the academic calendar for undergraduate and postgraduate courses for the academic year 2025-26.

The Department of Higher Education on Tuesday issued a revised calendar of events that should be followed by 25 State-run universities, on Tuesday. This change will impact about 3.2 lakh students in 440 government first-grade colleges across Karnataka.

The revised calendar differs from one university to another, depending on their earlier schedule. For example, the semester at Mysore University was originally scheduled from July 30 to October 23, but it has now been extended until November 22. For Bengaluru University, the end of semester is now November 29 instead of the earlier October 28.

This move is an effort by the department to compensate for the loss of classes suffered by students in the absence of guest faculty. This extension allows students to prepare for exams with less pressure.

On Monday, the government had ordered the reappointment of around 10,500 guest lecturers who had worked earlier for the ongoing semester.

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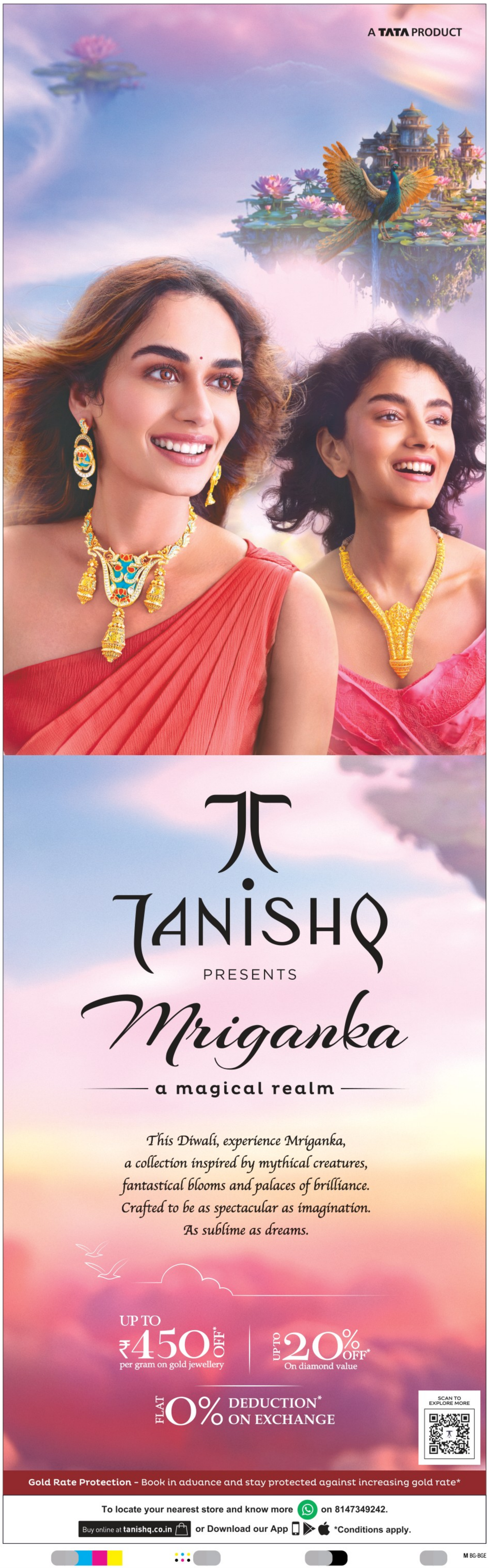

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Share of Maharashtra farmlands damaged after the floods

40 In per cent. Officials say torrential rains have severely affected crops across Marathwada, Solapur, Satara and Sangli, leaving large areas inaccessible. A survey of the destruction is expected by October 5. Relief measures will be finalised after report is reviewed by the Chief Minister. PTI

Number of people killed in road accidents across India

1.73 In lakh. The latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report shows a slight rise in fatalities and injuries, with two-wheelers accounting for nearly half of deaths. Over-speeding and careless driving are the leading causes, and evening hours see the most accidents. PTI

Number of voters added in Patna ahead of the elections

1.63 In lakh. The Election Commission completed its Special Intensive Revision, updating voter lists across the State. In Patna district alone, this led to a significant increase in registered electors. The draft electoral roll listed 7.24 crore voters. PTI

Number of crimes which targeted senior citizens

27,886 Simple hurt, theft, and fraud were the most common crimes. Madhya Pradesh reported 5,738 cases, followed by Maharashtra with 5,115, and Tamil Nadu with 2,104. Among Union Territories, Delhi recorded the highest number of cases. PTI

Voters in the Jubilee Hills constituency of Telangana

3.99 In lakh. The constituency's electoral roll now includes nearly four lakh voters, with male, female, and transgender electors accounted for. A total of 407 polling stations have been set up. PTI

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Why are Indian broadcasters owed payments?

Do Indian entertainment channels air in Nepal and Bangladesh? How much money is due to Indian broadcasters from these countries? How has the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government affected payments? Have Nepalese TV distributors pirated off Indian feeds?

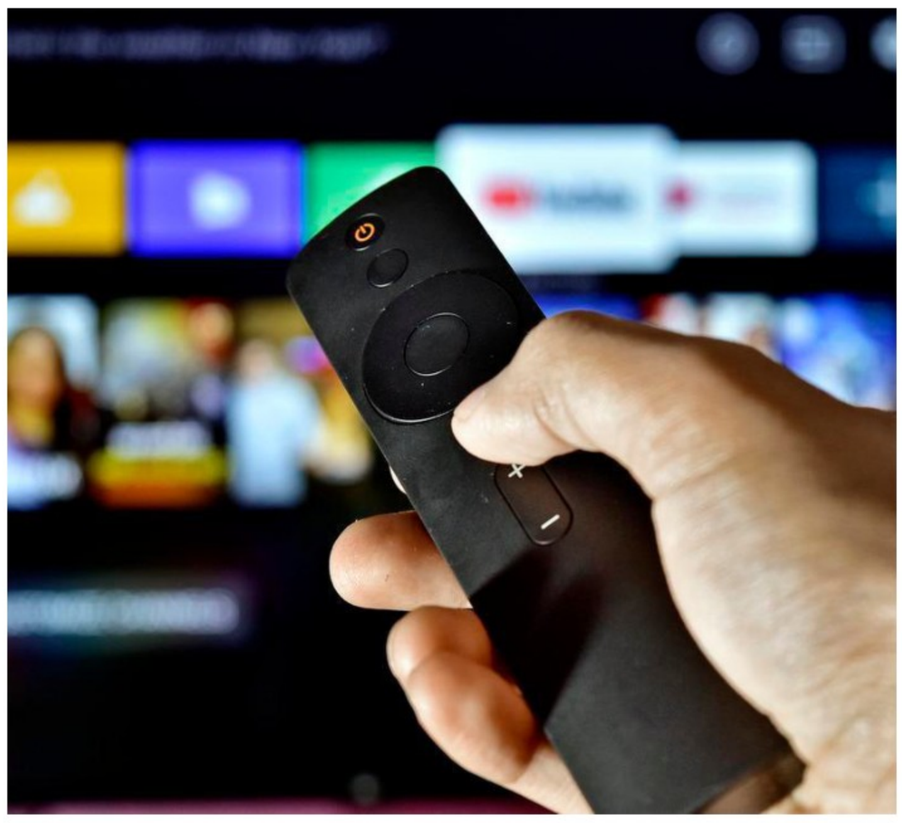
EXPLAINER

Aroon Deep

The story so far:
Indian broadcasters have complained of mounting dues from distributors in Nepal and Bangladesh, *The Hindu* reported in August. Over ₹350 crore in dues from the two countries remain unpaid since 2023.

Do Indian channels air in Nepal and Bangladesh?
Indian entertainment channels, particularly in Hindi and Bengali, are widely popular in Nepal and Bangladesh. A list of available channels in Nepal Telecom's list shows options from Zee, Star, Sony and Viacom, and similar options are available on Bangladeshi TV distributors' networks. Like in India, some of the Indian channels are available with basic packs, and others are available with add-ons. Nepal and Bangladesh receive a separate feed of Indian channels, known as a "clean feed". This is because ads on channels in India may be for products or variants of products that are unavailable in those countries. Channels typically spend extra to create this separate feed, and uplink it to satellites or cable providers licensed to operate in Nepal and Bangladesh (India has similar uplinking and downlinking regulations). As these are international deals, Indian broadcasters typically charge dollars from foreign countries where their feeds are played.

Nepal and Bangladesh, like India, have extensive broadcast regulations, particularly targeting foreign broadcasters. Bangladesh, for instance, requires foreign broadcasters to use satellites that are controlled by local firms, an expensive prospect. Similarly, Nepal abruptly introduced its à-la-carte channel bundling rules for cable operators practically overnight in 2023, with rules that matched India's New Tariff Order, but with none of the notice, sending foreign broadcasters into a tailspin to comply.



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Why are Nepal and Bangladesh firms not paying Indian broadcasters?
Payment issues are not uncommon for Indian firms operating in these countries. In Bangladesh, for instance, Adani Power was not paid for months on end after the ouster of former president Sheikh Hasina. Nepalese telcos faced a payments crisis with Airtel, whose terrestrial cables provide a large portion of the country with Internet, in 2023.

In Bangladesh's case, the economic fallout of Ms. Hasina's ouster has led to the country prioritising key areas for clearing dues and investing limited funds, one broadcasting executive told *The Hindu*. Media and entertainment, as it turns out, has not been a key priority area, with the country choosing to focus funds it received – including from a recent World Bank loan – in medicine and electricity dues, among other things.

Both countries, however, have an added complication – their respective governments have to approve the issue of foreign exchange that companies need to make good on these deals. As such, even when a distributor is good for the money, stonewalling from the ministry or central bank has led to payments stopping, another executive told *The Hindu*.

As a result of these factors, both countries' distributors owe above ₹350 crore to Indian firms. Nepal owes ₹100 crore while the rest of the amount is due from Bangladesh. While a prime ministerial visit to India by Nepal was due, Nepal Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli resigned in the wake of mass protests in September, increasing uncertainty for all businesses as the interim government works toward a fresh election.

Can broadcasters cut off their feeds?
Unlike Adani Power and Airtel, broadcasters don't have much leverage over defaulters in foreign countries. Airtel provides Nepal with Internet access, which the landlocked country cannot obtain from an undersea cable. Adani Power's electricity transmission lines literally keep the lights on. Both of these firms can throw these countries into chaos if they cut off access.

Broadcast executives worry, however, that if they cut off their clean feeds, Nepalese and Bangladeshi TV distributors would simply buy an Indian satellite TV receiver, and pirate the feed from there. This has happened before, and entering these markets legitimately with a fee was already a huge challenge. Doing so all over again would be a tall order, they complain. Nepalese cable operators have openly flouted Indian broadcasters' intellectual property rights by simply covering up a pirated feed's logo and replacing it with their own, one broadcaster complained.

Same in Pakistan and Afghanistan, where Indian broadcasters have not been operating for years.

International agreements like this typically have an arbitration clause, but broadcasters have little confidence in the legal systems of the two countries to be able to enforce such arbitral orders.

Executives have also complained of Indian diplomatic missions' limited influence in urging foreign governments to clear these dues. India maintains an extensive diplomatic presence in both Dhaka and Kathmandu, with economic and cultural attachés, one executive said, but companies often find themselves fending for themselves, or if they have a foreign shareholder, trying their luck by making representations to diplomats of that country.

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Why is environmental surveillance important?

How can sampling wastewater help in predicting and monitoring disease outbreaks?

Gautam Menon

The story so far:
Pathogens (usually bacteria and viruses) that cause diseases in humans and animals, can be tracked in samples taken from the environment, for example, by sampling sewage through wastewater surveillance. This can provide early warnings for potential disease outbreaks.

How does this work?
Samples taken from sewage treatment plants, effluents from hospitals and from public spaces such as railway stations and toilets in airplanes, can be studied to see how the pathogens they contain change from day-to-day. It works because pathogens of interest are shed in the stools or urine of infected individuals. Diseases transmitted by parasitic worms such as roundworms and hookworms can also be monitored through wastewater and soil samples, providing information about the burden of the disease and the effectiveness of control measures.

Rigorous protocols inform the collection of samples. These protocols detail how samples must be collected and processed, and how pathogens are detected and analysed. By following these protocols, comparisons of pathogen load become possible, and whole-genome sequencing enables the identification of variants of the same pathogen.

Why is this important?
Traditionally, the only way to figure out levels of infection in a community was to detect infections in patients, called clinical case detection. However, not all infected people might show symptoms, or might not choose to be tested if symptoms are mild. The number of people who are tested might not reflect the true numbers of those infected.

Environmental surveillance can thus provide important early warning signals of an impending outbreak. It is now known that the levels of pathogen in wastewater can precede, often by more than a week, a rise in infections.

Why do early-warning signals matter?
Understanding how many infected people there are is important for public health planning. The more the amounts of pathogen that circulate, the more likely it is that people will be infected. Preparing for a disease outbreak becomes much easier if there's more notice.

Wastewater-based epidemiology has been used for over 40 years to track several diseases such as measles, cholera and polio. Such disease surveillance in India, through wastewater, was first initiated in Mumbai for polio in 2001. During the COVID-19 pandemic, similar surveillance programs for COVID-19 were started in five cities, and they continue to this day.

What is India doing?
The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recently said that it will initiate wastewater surveillance for 10 viruses across 50 cities. This will enable public health surveillance to pick up any increase in viral load within community settings. This extends ICMR's involvement in establishing environmental surveillance for viruses, including avian influenza virus, particularly in areas with outbreaks. However, there is scope for improvement. The sharing of data and protocols across institutions and reaching common agreements on templates for surveillance frameworks that are disease-specific is important. Programmatic approaches, rather than project-driven approaches, must be developed that integrate waste-water and other environmental surveillance with routine disease surveillance. Developing a national wastewater surveillance system for India is important.

Moreover, new methodologies are emerging – audio samples of people coughing in public places can be used to examine the prevalence of respiratory conditions, through refined machine learning methods. Thus, the possibilities of environmental surveillance are ever-increasing.

Gautam Menon is Dean, Research and Professor of Physics and Biology, Ashoka University. Views expressed are personal and not of his institution.

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No.492/A/12/13/1/2022/Estt (Vol 1) **Date: 19.09.2025**

WALK-IN INTERVIEW

FOR ENGAGEMENT OF PART-TIME HOMOEOPATHY PHYSICIAN (ON CONTRACT) ESIC HOSPITAL, PEENYA, BENGALURU.

WALK-IN INTERVIEW

For the post of Part-Time Homoeopathy Physician (on contract) will be held on 07.10.2025

The details of the vacant post will be published on our official website: **www.esic.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Medical Superintendent

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Application Notification No. 565/STBA/09-02/2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for Engagement of Station Ticket Booking Agents (STBA) at the following Railway stations over Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway for issuing of Unreserved/General Tickets through Unreserved Ticket System (UTS) on commission basis for the period of Three (03) years:

Sl. No	Name of the Station	Station Code	Station Category
1	Bidadi	BID	NSG-5
2	Sampige Road	SPGR	NSG-6
3	Rajanukunte	RNN	

Date and Time of submission of application : From 10:00 Hrs. to 15:00 Hrs. of 03-11-2025.

For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice 18-CWS-MYSS-2025-26 Dated: 26-09-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Description of work	Approx. Value
Stripping, Unloading, Transportation, Loading and Fitting of berths / seats, safety rails in ICF/LHB coaches.	**Rs. 2,25,86,283.12**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:30 Hrs. on 18-10-2025**

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POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX IV - Rule 8 (1) 13(4) (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, ROSARB , Bengaluru,** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **28.01.2015** calling upon the Borrowers /Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ Guarantors, **(1) Mr. Madhusudan. H. S,** No.38, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main BCC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040, and **Guarantors, (2) Mr. Srinivas. V** S/o Mr. Venkataram, No.293, 1st Block, Jyanabharathi Layout, Valagerahalli, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560060, **(3) Mrs. Sandhya** W/o. Mr. Madhusudan. H. S, No.678, 9th Main Vinayaka Layout, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560076, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.21,38,541/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Forty One Only) as on 31.12.2014** further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described hereinbelow in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **30th September 2025.**

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

"We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender /private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available."

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount **Rs.21,38,541/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Forty One Only) as on 31.12.2014** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Schedule Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site Nos.706 & 735, formed out of Sy Nos.36, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 59, 64, 65, 38 and 58, bearing Khatha No.859 & 888, situated at Coconut Grove Phase XVIII, Sajjehosahalli Grama Panchayat, Basmangi Kaval Garma, Dodderi Hobli, Madhugiri Taluk, Tumkur District, measuring East to West 80.70 Feet and North to South 27 Feet, totally measuring 2,178.90 Square Feet, and bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Road, North By : Site No.705 &736, South By : Site No.707& 734.

Date : 30.09.2025
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

Government of India

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances

PRIME MINISTER'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION-2025

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Applications are invited from Districts, State and Central Government authorities for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration- 2025 under the following categories:

Category 1- Holistic Development of Districts under 11 Priority Sector Programmes. 5 awards would be conferred under this category.

Eligibility

District authorities (DCs/ DMs) are eligible to apply for the Awards in the above category.

Category 2- Aspirational Blocks Programme- 5 awards would be conferred under this category.

Eligibility

District authorities (DCs/ DMs) of districts covering 500 Aspirational Blocks are eligible to apply for the Awards in the above category.

Category 3- Innovation in any field of Public Administration will be considered. 6 Awards would be conferred under this category.

Eligibility:- Organisations of Central/State Governments and Districts are eligible to apply for the Awards in the Innovations category.

The application for PM's Awards can be submitted on the web-portal for Prime Minister's Awards (**https://pmawards.gov.in/**)up to15.11.2025.

The details of the Prime Minister's Awards Scheme are available on the web portal for Prime Minister's Awards (**https://pmawards.gov.in/**) and the link of which is also available on website of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (**https://darpg.gov.in/**).

Contact person for further clarification
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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Ph: 011-23401488

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public in general is hereby informed that, My clients namely **Sri. Anand .S.B** S/o. Bettaswami, aged about 37 years, R/at, No.02, 2nd Cross, 1st Block, Andrahalli Main Road, 'D' Group Layout, Bengaluru-560091 & **Sri. Praveen .S** aged about 42 years, R/at, No.12, 15thCross, Prasanna Layout, Hegganahalli, Vishwanidam Post, Maruthinagar, Bengaluru-560091 jointly and **Sri. Gurusiddaiah @ Gurusiddappa** S/o Late. Siddaiah and **his family** are ready to sale the property Land bearing property Old Sy.No.10/5 and poded New Sy.No.10/12 measuring 0.6 Guntas out of total measuring 14.08 Guntas situated at Puradapalya Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk,. and **Sri. Gurusiddaiah @ Gurusiddappa his family members** are executed the registered sale agreement vide registered sale agreement in Book No.1, Document No. TVR-1-00641-2025-26 on dated: 25/06/2025 and stored in Central data at Tavarekere Sub registration office in favor of Our Clients and Our Clients are ready to purchase the said Land and.

Any person/s, Bank's Authorities has/have any objections for said sale transactions or Claims any Kind whatever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/ objections with Documentary proof within 15 days from the date of Publication of this Notice with the undersigned failing which thereafter and any claims received thereafter shall not be considered/entertained and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing property Old Sy.No. 10/5 and poded New Sy.No. 10/12 measuring 0.6 Guntas out of total measuring 14.08 Guntas situated at Puradapalya Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, and bounded by: **East :** Property belonging to Sri. Cheluvamurthy, **West :** Remaining portion of Same Sy.No. 10/12, **North :** Road, **South:** Property belonging to Sri.Prakash Bharath.

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NOTICE

In the matter of:
Yu Yam Chiu residing at, 32 Market Street, Kolkata-700087 P.S. New Market
........Complainant
Vs.
1. The Managing Director, More Visas, No. 1259/A, 1st Floor, Road No. 36, Jubilee Hills Land Mark, Telangana -500033, Hyderabad, P.S. Jubilee Hills.
2. The Center Head, More Visas Immigration Services Pvt. Ltd. No. 315 & 316, 3rd Floor, Raheja Arcade, 5th Block, oppo-Forum Mall, Bangalore-560095, Karnataka, P.S- Koramangala
.... Opposite Parties

To,
1.The Managing Director, More Visas, No. 1259/A, 1st Floor, Road No. 36, Jubilee Hills Land Mark, Telangana -500033, Hyderabad, P.S. Jubilee Hills.
2. The Center Head, More Visas Immigration Services Pvt. Ltd. No. 315 & 316, 3rd Floor, Raheja Arcade, 5th Block, oppo-Forum Mall Bangalore-560095, Karnataka, P.S- Koramangala

Whereas Yu Yam Chiu as instituted a Complaint Case being no. CC/122/2022 against you. Therefore, you are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Commission in person or by authorized representative on the 31st day of October, 2025 at 10:30 o'clock in the fore noon in default the case will be heard and considered ex-parte in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Commission, this 4th day of September, 2025

By Order
REGISTRAR

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, YEDULLA Ali, S/o Naushad Ali Mohamed Ali, R/o No.24, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, Pothalappa Garden, Adugodi, Bengaluru-560030 have changed my name to Yedulla Ali Naushad Ali vide affidavit dt: 29.09.2025 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, B'lore.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Nijalingappa S S/O Shivanna, R/o CHALLAKERE, VTC:Channammanagathihalli, PO:Channammanagathihally, District: Chitradurga, State: Karnataka - 577538, have changed the name of my minor son Giansh N G aged 7 years and he shall hereafter be known as Virat N G

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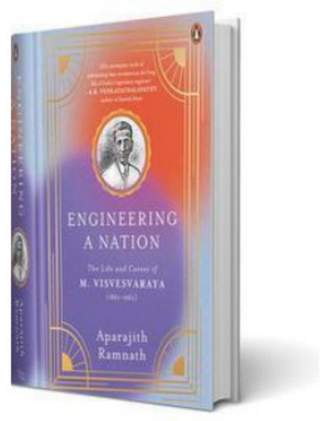
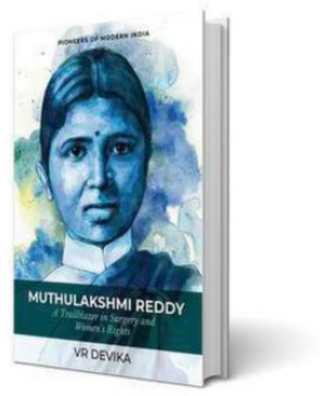
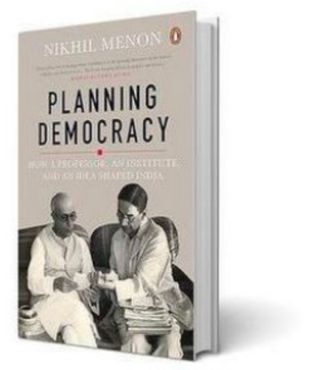






Remembering: The Pudukottai District Collector with the statue of Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy installed at the Pudukottai Government Medical College Hospital in 2023. FILE PHOTO

How Visvesvaraya, Muthulakshmi and Mahalanobis shaped modern India

Three biographies examine the life of Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, Muthulakshmi Reddy, and Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis — trailblazers born in colonial India in the 19th century, who have gone on to make foundational contributions to independent India in the 20th century

Uma Mahadevan-Dasgupta

The lives of Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya (1861-1962), Muthulakshmi Reddy (1886-1968), and Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis (1893-1972) had important themes in common.

Born in colonial India in the 19th century, all three would go on to blaze new trails in their chosen fields and make foundational contributions to the social, economic, and institutional landscape of independent India in the 20th century. Although spread across different domains, their work displayed a deep commitment to public service and nation-building during the transition from colonial rule to freedom. They showed what independent India was capable of, and what it should work for.

Pioneering figure

Born in the village of Muddenahalli in present-day Chikkaballapura, Visvesvaraya started out as a civil engineer who grew to become a skilled administrator and the 19th Dewan of Mysore from 1912 to 1918. He pushed strongly for industrial modernity in a colonial era that could not conceive of the idea of Indian self-reliance.

Aparajith Ramnath's extensive biography, *Engineering a Nation* (Penguin India), of "the most famous Indian engineer of the twentieth century" throws light on Visvesvaraya's remarkable contributions across multiple dimensions of governance.

Beginning with the careful and scientific management of water for pioneering irrigation and drinking water projects, Visvesvaraya was also invested in flood protection and drainage systems; expansion in scientific research and technical education; establishment of colleges, industries, and railway lines; and economic planning and development. In the face of colonial scepticism, these achievements set high standards of integrity, excellence, and self-reliance.

If Visvesvaraya was committed to modernising education, engineering, and infrastructure, it was with a view to improve the quality of people's daily lives. "My one aim was to plan, promote and encourage developments, chiefly in education, industries, commerce, and public works, to enable people to work well, earn well, and live well," he wrote.

Believing that people played an active part in shaping their nation's destiny, he wrote in *Reconstructing India* about the choice before Indians: to decide "whether they will be educated or remain ignorant; whether they will come into closer touch with the outer world and become responsive to its influences, or remain secluded and indifferent; whether they will be organised or disunited, bold or timid, enterprising or passive; an industrial or an agricultural nation; rich or poor; strong and respected, or weak and dominated by forward nations."

Inspirational doctor

Muthulakshmi Reddy, born in Pudukottai as the daughter of a college principal and his companion from the Melakkara community, faced discrimination right from birth.

After completing her school education as the first girl student at a school for boys, Muthulakshmi went to Madras to study medicine, topped the exam, and became the first Indian woman surgeon from the Madras Medical College.

V.R. Devika's brief biography, *Muthulakshmi Reddy: A Trailblazer in Surgery and Women's Rights* (Niyogi Books), illuminates the story of this inspirational woman who "lived every moment of her life achieving impossible dreams."

Reddy became the first woman legislator in Madras; fought for the abolition of the Devadasi system; founded the Avvai women's shelter; and established the Adyar cancer hospital – where she broke another intractable barrier, by stipulating that poor patients would be treated in the same way as affluent patients.

Fittingly, Tamil Nadu's progressive and impactful maternity benefit scheme is named after Muthulakshmi Reddy. "Even today her achievements resonate in Pudukottai, with several families naming their daughters Muthulakshmi," notes Devika.

Planning for the economy

After his childhood in Calcutta, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis went to England to study science, but soon grew fascinated with statistics and its potential for economic development.

In *Planning Democracy: How a Professor, an Institute, and an Idea Shaped India* (Penguin), Nikhil Menon describes how, starting the Indian Statistical Institute in 1932, and the National Sample Survey in 1950, Mahalanobis influenced the way in which the newly independent nation could measure its growth and plan its economic development.

This was especially reflected in the Second Five Year Plan, which laid a foundation for the development of heavy industry in India. The new discipline of statistics and data gathering for national planning would become a model for other parts of the world.

Surveying a sample set of villages out of 5,60,000 across India to gather data about the economic life of Indians, NSS surveys would throw light on consumption, expenditure, employment, and poverty at a granular level.

Menon quotes Mahalanobis on the central role of statistics in planning for development: "Statistics must have a purpose," he said. "Poverty is the most basic problem of the country, and statistics must help in solving this problem."

As pioneering reformers in their fields, committed to public service, institutional development, and social progress through education and expertise, here were three historical figures who shaped the trajectory of modern India in their unique ways, leaving rich institutional and social legacies that continue today.

The writer is in the IAS.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Here is a quiz on events that happened on October 1

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
This former President of the U.S. was born on this day in 1924. He was the first president to reach the age of 100. Identify him.

QUESTION 2
In what is regarded by many as the greatest prizefight of all time, Muhammad Ali defeated Joe Frazier after the latter's corner called a halt to the bout after 14 brutal rounds. What is this fight called?

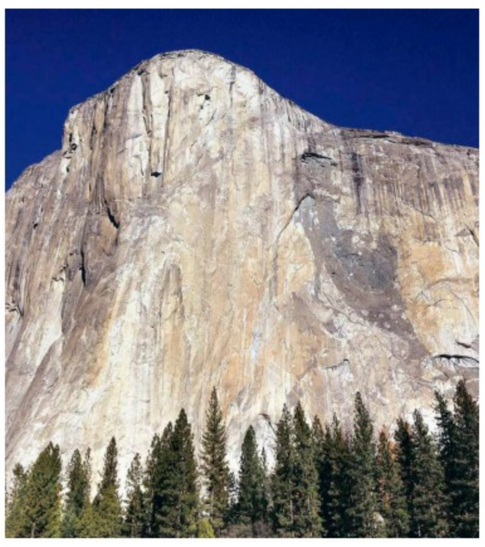
QUESTION 3
Johnny Carson began hosting this show and he became king of late-night television, credited with creating the standard format for TV talk shows. Which was this show?

QUESTION 4
On this day, which country gained its independence from Britain but remained a member of the Commonwealth?

QUESTION 5
On this day in 1553, with her coronation, she became the first Queen to rule England in her own right; she later earned this nicknamed because of her persecution of Protestants in a vain attempt to restore Roman Catholicism in the country. Who was she and what was her nickname?

QUESTION 6
The American novelist who created the techno-thriller — a suspenseful novel that relies on extensive knowledge of military technology and espionage — died on this day. Name the author.

QUESTION 7
She was sworn-in as president of Mexico, becoming the first woman and the first Jewish person to be elected to the post. Who was she?



Visual question:
Identify this national park in the U.S. which was opened on October 1, 1890.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The UN General Assembly adopted the resolution declaring International Translation Day in this year. **Ans: 2017**
2. This UN resolution officially declared September 30 as International Translation Day. **Ans: Resolution 71/288**
3. The six official languages of the United Nations. **Ans: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish**
4. The official theme for International Translation Day 2025. **Ans: "Translation, Peace and Trust" (or Translation, shaping a future you can trust)**
5. This document holds the distinction of being among the most translated in the world. **Ans: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights**
Visual: International Translation Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of this man. **Ans: The man in the painting is Saint Jerome, often referred to as the patron saint of translators; September 30 is his feast day**
Early Birds: Siddhartha Viswanathan| C. Saravanan| Varghese Joseph| M. Suresh Kumar| Aatrey Gupta

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

Upendran

"I am really hungry!"
"So am I. I didn't have breakfast this morning."
"The first syllable of 'breakfast' is not pronounced like the word 'break.' The 'ea' sounds like the 'e' in 'neck', 'peck' and 'deck'. The 'a' in the second syllable 'fast' b like the 'a' in 'China'."
"So the word is pronounced 'BREAKfast' with the stress on the first syllable!"
"That's right! Now then, what would you like to eat?"
"I am not sure. What's on the m..e..n..u?"
"Why are you spelling the word?"
"I am not sure of the pronunciation. I've heard it pronounced in many different ways."
"I see. Well, the first syllable 'men' sounds exactly like the word 'men'. The second syllable 'u' is pronounced like the word 'you'."
"And the stress is on the first syllable, right?"
"Right! What would you like to have first?"
"I think I'll have an onion dosa."
"How many times do I have to tell you? The first syllable of 'onion' is not pronounced like the word 'on.'"
"It isn't? But I have heard many..."
"…. forget what you've heard. The 'o' in the first syllable of 'onion' is pronounced like the 'u' in 'cut', 'but', and 'nut'. The 'o' in the second syllable 'ion' is like the 'a' in 'China'."
"I see! I would like to have an onion dosa. Maybe we should have a salad to start with."
"The first syllable of 'salad' is like the s..a in 'sand', 'sat', and 'sack.' The 'a' in the second syllable is like the 'a' in 'China' again. So the word is pronounced 'SAlad'. It is not pronounced 'saLAD'."
"I would like to have salad."
"O.K. Anything else?"
"Tell me. what exactly is the difference between d..e..s..e..r..t and d..e..s..s..e..r..t?"
"D..e..s..e..r..t. The 'e' in the first syllable is like the 'e' in words like 'set', 'bet', and 'net'. The 'e' in the second syllable is like the 'a' in China."
"China, once again! Good grief! How is the 's' pronounced?"
"The 's' is pronounced like the 'z' in 'zip' and 'zoo.' So the word is pronounced 'DEzert' with the stress on the first syllable. A desert is a place full of sand."
"What about the sweet that we have after a meal? How is that pronounced?"
"D..e..s..s..e..r..t! The 'e' in the first syllable sounds like the 'i' in 'sit', 'pit', and 'hit'. The 'er' in the second syllable is pronounced like the 'ir' in 'thirst', 'first', and 'birth'."
"And the 's' at the beginning of the second syllable is pronounced 'z', I suppose?"
"Correct"
"So the word is pronounced 'DEzert' with the stress on the first syllable!"
"Wrong! The word is pronounced 'deZERT' with the stress on the second syllable."
Published in The Hindu on April 21, 1998.

Word of the day

Soliloquy:
speech you make to yourself; a (usually long) dramatic speech intended to give the illusion of unspoken reflections

Synonym: monologue

Usage: *In the closing soliloquy, he reveals his true intention.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/soliloquypro

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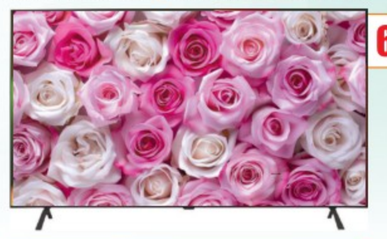

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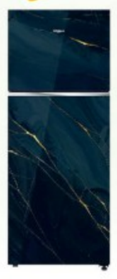

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DKS reviews road works, says 13,000 potholes filled in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday said that 13,000 potholes across the city have been filled so far, with photo and video evidence recorded for each. He invited the media to verify the claims during his city inspection of road works.

"Officials are following government orders and carrying out pothole-filling work. I have instructed that an action plan worth ₹1,100 crore be prepared for the development of 550 km of major roads," Mr. Shivakumar told reporters after reviewing the ongoing works.

He said laying concrete at junctions of major roads would take about 26 days, and discussions are under way on traffic management during the period. "I am trying to provide a permanent solution for Bengaluru's roads. The Chief Minister has also assured ₹750 crore for pothole-filling," he added.

On ward-level development, Mr. Shivakumar announced that ₹1,100 crore would be released to MLAs specifically for road improvement in their constituencies.

Turning to the city's waste management woes, the Minister admitted the problem persists. "While going to the Congress office today, I saw that someone had dumped a truckload of waste on Jayamahal Road overnight. I have directed officials to trace the culprit through CCTV cameras, register a case, and seize the vehicle," he said, while pointing out that public cooperation in waste disposal was lacking.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar speaking to the media in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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When reporters asked about reports of a congestion tax being planned for Bengaluru, Mr. Shivakumar dismissed them. "It is false. Some industrialists may have suggested it to the Union government, but no such proposal is before us," he clarified.

Five city corporations to have 368 wards, up from 198

As anticipated, the East Corporation, with the lowest population, has the least number of wards at 50, the West Corporation, with the highest population, has the highest number of wards at 111

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Tuesday published a draft of the new wards within the five city corporations in Bengaluru, taking the total number of wards in the city to 368, up from 198.

As anticipated, the East Corporation, with the lowest population, has the least number of wards at 50, the West Corporation, with the highest population, has the highest number of wards at 111. While North and South corporations have 72 wards each, the Central Corporation will have 63 wards, as per the draft notification.

The draft notification gives ward boundaries and prominent areas in the ward, but gives neither a map nor the population and size of the wards.

Ward sizes

While the ward delimitation was carried out based on the 2011 Census, the average ward size as per projected population for 2023 varies in the range of 26,000 in the East Corporation to over 43,000 in the North Corporation.

This ward size is definitely an improvement from the situation under the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) where the population of many wards crossed 1 lakh.

But given that the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024, provides up to 150 wards in each corporation taking the total to 750 in the city, and Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar had hinted at 500 wards, many argue there was room to carve out much smaller wards.

There was an excitement over smaller wards, not only in terms of service delivery, but also over its potential to encourage non-traditional political formations to contest and win wards, said N.S. Mukunda of Bengaluru Praja Vedike. "But these ward sizes kill that possibility and further entrench the stranglehold of traditional parties in the city's politics and governance, for which there will obviously be a bipartisan approval among the traditional parties. This is against the spirit of decentralisation, which Congress claimed to be at the heart of restructuring governance in Bengaluru," he said.

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Ward delimitation

Corporation	Central	East	North	South	West	Total
Number of wards	63	50	72	72	111	368
Population as per 2011 census (in lakhs)	15	09	18	17	26	85
Projected 2023 population (in lakhs)	25	13	31	30	45	144
Average ward size as per projected 2023 population	39,683	26,000	43,055	41,666	40,540	39,130

Outdated on arrival

The guidelines for the Delimitation Commission mandated that each ward should represent around 20,000 residents, with a leeway for 25% variance to ensure balanced representation, as per the 2011 Census, the latest census available, based on which ward delimitation has to be done.

While, as per the 2011 Census, the city's population was around 85 lakh, it is projected to be 1.44 crore in 2023, which essentially means the new wards are outdated on arrival.

M. Maheshwar Rao, Chief Commissioner, Greater Bengaluru Authority and Chairman of the Ward Delimitation Commission, said that the wards have been carved out based on the 2011 Census within the guidelines issued to the Commission. Citizens can submit their objections to the draft by writing to the Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department by October 15. The final notification of the ward boundaries is expected to be published by November 1.

Child marriage: Members of mosque committee booked

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city police have registered a case against the head of a mosque, among others, for allegedly solemnising the marriage of a 16-year-old girl in Anepalya a few days ago. They have been booked under the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929.

The incident came to light when a city-based advocate, Hussain Owais S., tipped off about the marriage of a 16-year-old girl to a 20-year-old boy, lodged a complaint with the State and city police chiefs and the Child Welfare Committee, seeking immediate action.

However, despite this, it was four days before the Cubbon Park police registered the case, sources said.

The advocate has pointed out that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had recently directed all officials in the State to take stringent measures against child marriages.

Sources said the minor girl was allegedly in a relationship with the 20-year-old boy, and their parents recently found out about them. Following this, their marriage was solemnised at a mosque, sources said.

Tipped off by Mr. Owais, Pundalik, a member of the District Child Helpline, sent a team to inquire about the case at the Neelasandra mosque.

However, the mosque head refused to provide them with details and said that the marriage procedure was completed as per the customs of the Muslim community.

"Based on the complaint we received and review of the photographic and video evidence available, the girl is said to be a minor and marriage is liable for prosecution," Pundalik said in his complaint.

Mr. Owais, speaking to *The Hindu*, alleged that the police have delayed taking action to ensure the safety of the victim.

He alleged that despite giving details of the accused, their names do not figure in the FIR, to get a copy of which he had to approach the court.

He further requested the police to rescue the girl and subject her to medical examination as she is suspected to be pregnant.

Two labourers killed in mudslide at building under construction

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two labourers were buried alive, while one escaped with injuries when part of a mud heap collapsed on them at an under-construction building in Siddartha Colony in Madiwala on Tuesday.

The deceased have been identified as Razauddin, 33, and Lal Muddin, 32. Their friend Safaul, 28, was injured. All three are natives of Jharkhand. They were digging to erect a pillar for a multi-storied structure. While three were inside the pit, a few others were standing on top. According to the police, the incident occurred around 7 p.m. on Tuesday. When the mound of mud collapsed on those inside the pit, the labourers outside raised an alarm and managed to pull out one of them, while the bodies of two others were recovered later by the Fire and Emergency personnel.

Case registered

Based on the complaint filed by Sakib Ansar, brother of one of the deceased, the police have taken up a case of death due to negligence against the building owner, contractor and engineer.

Two killed in separate accidents

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 65-year-old woman was killed when a car, in a bid to reverse, knocked her down in Chikkabanavara on Monday.

The deceased, identified as Gangamma, a resident of Dasarahalli, had come to visit a temple along with her family. After visiting the temple, she came out and was sitting on the stairs while waiting for her family members.

Meanwhile, a cab driver who had been visiting the temple had parked the car close by and knocked her down while taking the vehicle in the reverse. The accused escaped with the car soon after the accident. The Chikkabanavara police have registered a case of hit and run and efforts are on to track down the accused.

In another incident, a 36-year-old labourer was killed when a speeding truck knocked down his motorcycle he was riding, on Madhugiri Road on Monday. The deceased Hanumantha was returning home from work when the incident occurred. The Dobbspet police have registered a case.

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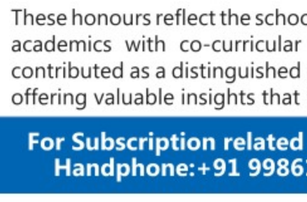
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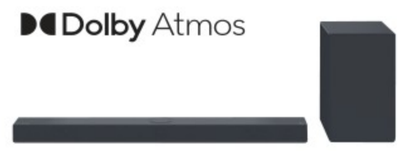

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Number of serious crimes registered in Bengaluru

	Violent crimes	Murder	Kidnapp	Against women	Against children	Against senior citizens	Against Scheduled Castes	Against Scheduled Tribes
2021	2,393	155	811	3,127	1,342	237	166	12
2022	2,769	173	946	3,924	1,578	458	231	16
2023	3,528	206	1,156	4,870	1,982	649	285	16

In Karnataka

	Murder	Kidnapp	Against women	Against children	Against senior citizens	Against Scheduled Castes	Against Scheduled Tribes
2021	1,357	2,879	14,468	7,261	1,442	1,672	361
2022	1,404	3,365	17,813	7,988	1,583	1,977	438
2023	1,322	3,744	20,336	8,929	1,840	1,923	434

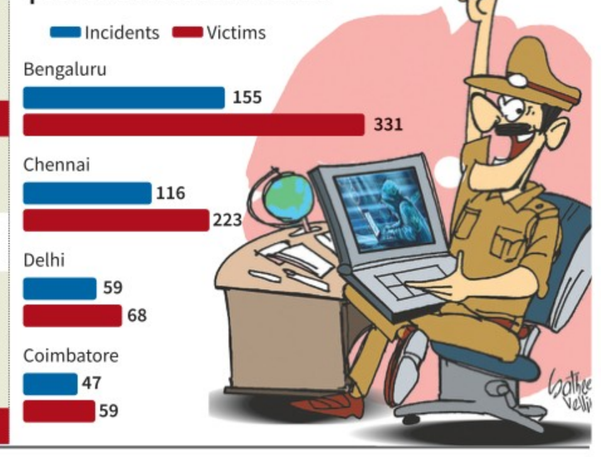
Crimes by juveniles

City	2021	2022	2023
Delhi	2,618	2,336	2,278
Chennai	496	521	523
Bengaluru	177	200	427
Ahmedabad	386	433	417
Mumbai	332	363	290

Corruption cases

State	2021	2022	2023
Maharashtra	773	749	812
Rajasthan	501	511	316
Tamil Nadu	423	261	302
Karnataka	360	389	362

Immoral traffic prevention cases in 2023



Bengaluru accounts for 51.92% of cybercrimes in metros

The State recorded 21,889 cybercrime cases, 20% more than Telangana, which registered 18,236 cases and is ranked second, NCRB data says

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Bengaluru's cybercrime rate stands at an alarming 207.4 cases per lakh population, more than seven times the national average. GETTY IMAGES

Karnataka has emerged as the cybercrime capital of India, accounting for 25.57% of all registered cases in the country in 2023, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data released on Tuesday.

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At the heart of Karnataka's cybercrime surge is Bengaluru. The IT hub alone accounted for 17,631 of the 21,889 cases reported in the State in 2023, making it the city with the highest cybercrime incidence in the country. Among metropolitan cities, Bengaluru reported the highest number of cybercrime cases, contributing 51.92% of all cases across the 19 metros. Hyderabad came second with 4,855 cases in 2023.

Bengaluru's cybercrime rate stands at an alarming 207.4 cases per lakh population, more than seven times the national average.

From 6,423 cases in 2021 to 9,940 in 2022, and now over 17,631 in 2023 in the city, the surge reflects the evolving cybercrime landscape and the vulnerabilities that come with it. The data says that two major motives of the cybercrimes are fraud and sexual exploitation.

In 2024, the cases increased marginally as the State recorded 22,468 cybercrimes. However, halfway through 2025, Karnataka recorded 7,293 cybercrime cases, at least 2,000 fewer than during the same period in 2024 and the year before, according to State Crime Records reviewed by *The Hindu*. Senior officials said that while the number of cases may be going down, the sophistication of these crimes and the money lost is only going up.

Despite the surge in reporting, convictions remain minimal. Karnataka recorded only 44 convictions in 2023, including 11 cases carried over from previous years, alongside 60 acquittals and no discharges. For Bengaluru, this means that less than 0.3% of cases result in conviction.

A senior police officer attributed the rise to four key factors: lack of cyber hygiene, inadequate cybersecurity, low cyber awareness, and a dynamic *modus operandi* that succeeds due to this lack of awareness.

Another officer highlighted Karnataka's proactive approach to tackling cybercrime. "We have better reporting mechanisms than any other State. For example, several States do not register cases where the financial loss is less than one lakh; in Karnataka, not only do we register cases with no monetary loss, but victims are encouraged to file complaints at all stations," the officer explained.

Cutting edge technlogy

The officer also noted how Bengaluru's status as an IT hub contributes to cybercrime. "A mixed population resides in Bengaluru with access to cutting-edge technology. Investment, online trading, and e-commerce have all increased over the last few years, making people more susceptible to cybercrimes," he said. "In recent years, we have seen a surge in investment fraud and courier scams, showing that even educated individuals, trying to grow their savings, have fallen prey."

"With such a situation, coupled with poor cyber hygiene, people often leak their own data, which can cost them heavily," the officer told *The Hindu*. He also admitted that efforts to raise cybercrime awareness have been insufficient.

Cybersecurity expert Shivaling Salakki pointed out the low conviction rate, stating, "As these fraudsters continue to escape punishment, more people are getting involved in cybercrimes. There is a shortage of skilled cybercrime investigators, which must be addressed to improve conviction rates." He further suggested that inter-State collaboration among investigating agencies could enhance effectiveness.

Senior police officers also highlighted Karnataka's Cyber Command Unit (CCU), calling it a potential game-changer for the State. "The recent High Court ruling emphasising the importance of strengthening the CCU is a welcome move," said an officer.

The cases of civic negligence include incidents such as electrocution from Escom lines, deaths due to poorly maintained roads, tree falls, and similar occurrences. FILE PHOTO

Karnataka tops civic negligence deaths

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In 2023, civic negligence claimed 23 lives in Karnataka, the highest in the country, followed by Madhya Pradesh (12) and Chhattisgarh (5), according to National Crime Record Bureau data.

These cases of civic negligence include incidents such as electrocution from Escom lines, deaths due to poorly maintained roads, tree falls, and similar occurrences.

On Monday, a 20-year-old college student died after being run over by a truck near Budigere Cross. Investigators suspect whether potholes in the stretch contributed to the accident.

Similarly, in June, a 29-year-old man died after a tree branch snapped and fell on him, critically injuring his head in south Bengaluru. He succumbed to his injuries days later, prompting the police to book the then BBMP Deputy Conservator of Forest and other officials for negligence.

'System much better'

A senior police officer said that Bengaluru's system is much better compared to other States, noting that influence often does not prevent cases from being registered.

"We have seen the Police Commissioner being held accountable for the stampede situation, which sets an example that no one will be spared," the officer told *The Hindu*.

However, he admitted that in many cases, charge sheets are not filed against civic body officials.

"To file chargesheets against government officials, we need prosecution sanction, which is often delayed or rarely granted. In such instances, cases remain pending, files gathering dust," the officer explained, adding that senior officials are frequently left out while junior staff are held accountable.

For instance, a 23-year-old techie from Andhra Pradesh drowned in the waterlogged K.R. Circle underpass in central Bengaluru on May 21, 2023, when the car she was traveling in with her family sank.

Police took a year to file a charge sheet, which revealed dereliction of duty by BBMP officers contributing to the car's submersion.

City reported more dowry cases than other metro cities combined

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Bengaluru reported more dowry cases than the combined total of 18 other metro cities in 2023, according to the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) data published on Tuesday.

In 2023, Bengaluru recorded 1,013 dowry cases, the highest in the country, followed by Patna (104) and Lucknow (19).

"In Bengaluru, we find that nearly all families have working members, and most women now do not hesitate to file a complaint. This can be credited to the active pro-women groups in the city, which have grown stronger over the years, motivating victims to report dowry issues," a senior police officer told *The Hindu*.

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The State recorded an increase in crimes against women, children, and senior citizens. Karnataka reported a 14.16% increase in crimes against women, an 11.78% rise in crimes against children, and a 16.23% increase in crimes involving senior citizens.

Akshay Hakay Machhindra, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Central, said that the city has a robust surveillance system. Over the years, a combination of social media platforms, witnesses reporting assaults against women, and effective CCTV coverage in the city has contributed to the proactive registration of cases related to crimes against women.

Meanwhile, the State saw a marginal decrease in murders and atrocity cases. Murders in Karnataka fell from 1,404 in 2022 to 1,322 in 2023; atrocities against Scheduled Castes dropped from 1,977 to 1,923; and atrocities against Scheduled Tribes reduced slightly from 438 to 434. However, in the State capital Bengaluru, no category of crime showed a decline. Bengaluru city recorded sharp increases across several categories: a 27.41% rise in violent crimes, 19.07% in murders, 22.41% in abductions, 24.10% in crimes against women, 25.60% in crimes against children, 41.70% in crimes against senior citizens, and 23.37% in atrocities against Scheduled Castes. The only category that remained unchanged was atrocities against Scheduled Tribes, with 16 cases reported in both 2022 and 2023. Road accidents claimed 12,322 lives, the fifth highest among States and Union Territories. Suicides remained a major concern, with 13,330 deaths recorded, the fourth highest in the country, after Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Madhya Pradesh.

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Festive fervour

Heaps of ash gourd arrive at the K. R Market in Bengaluru ahead of the Ayudha Puja festival, on Tuesday; flower vendors have a brisk business; (right) puja being performed at the offices in the Vidhana Soudha and to government vehicles as part of the festival. SUDHAKARA JAIN AND ALLEN EGENUSE J.

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Namma Metro's Yellow Line gets fifth train set; frequency to improve by mid-October

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The coaches of the fifth train set of the Yellow Line of Namma Metro at Hebbagodi Depot in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Yellow Line of Namma Metro received its fifth train set, which arrived at the depot early on Tuesday.

According to officials of the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL), the train will be inducted into service by mid-October after mandatory testing, improving the frequency of operations to around 15 minutes.

Testing cycle

The coaches were despatched from Kolkata-based Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd. on trailers on September 19. Once assembled at the depot, the train will undergo a 20-day testing cycle. "The trainset must undergo various kinds of tests, including system integration with signalling, telecommunications, and power supply networks," a senior BMRCL official said.

The Yellow Line, an important 18.82-km corridor connecting R.V. Road to Bommasandra. It links southern neighbourhoods and Electronics City to the metro network.

However, with only three trains available at launch, commuters faced long waits of over 25 minutes during peak hours, leading to severe overcrowding. The situation improved little when a fourth trainset was added on September 10, reducing frequency to 19 minutes.

Officials say the arrival of the fifth set will ease congestion further, but additional trains will still be required to reach optimal service levels.

Each train on the corridor is equipped with Communication-Based Train Control (CBTC) technology, enabling driverless operations, a first for Namma Metro.

While the CBTC system is capable of reducing intervals between trains from the current 150 seconds to 90 seconds, manual operation by trained locomotive pilots continues during the initial phase.

Filmmaker cheated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Yeshwanthpur Police have registered a case of cheating and impersonation following a complaint by Kannada filmmaker Rajendra Singh Babu that a conman swindled ₹4.2 lakh from his bank account after illegally gaining access to it.

According to Mr. Babu, the accused, identified himself as Naveen Kumar, posing as a businessman, offered him ₹1.4 crore for Telugu dubbing rights of his Kannada movie *Rakta Kashmira*. On the pretext of processing the deal, the accused accessed sensitive documents, including the Aadhaar card, PAN card, and bank account details of Mr. Babu, to transfer the money. The accused used the details to access Mr. Babu's account, and allegedly siphoned off ₹4.25 lakh.

The fraud came to light when Mr. Babu received the transaction details on his phone and verified the account, only to find that he had been cheated.

Probe under way

The police said that an investigation is under way to trace the accused using the money trail. The police suspect that the bank account where the money was transferred to was created using forged documents.

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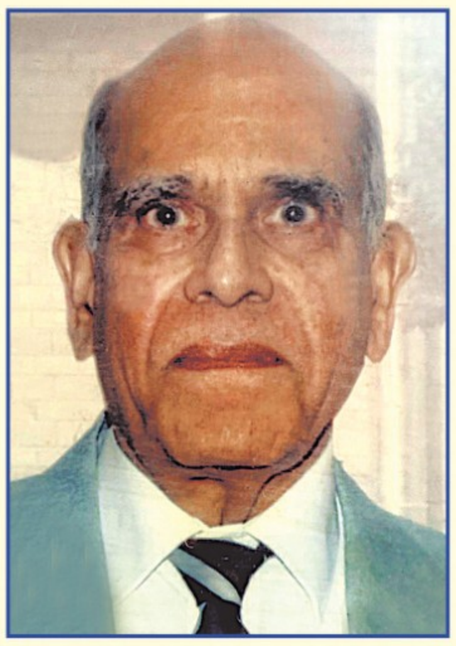

Shri Raghavachari Govindarajan

Indian Police Service (IPS) Retd.,

With profound grief, we inform you of the sad demise of Shri Raghavachari Govindarajan, Indian Police Service (IPS) Retd., on September 30, 2025.

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Labour of care

Women who facilitate rural health care should get better wages

For decades, the women who serve as Anshakalin Stri Parichars (ASPs) in Maharashtra have been performing some of the hardest, yet least acknowledged, labour in the rural health system. For a wide breadth of responsibility, their monthly wage has stagnated at ₹3,000 since 2016, decades behind inflation. They also lack job security, pensions, safety gear and travel allowance. In 2023, a labour court in Nagpur acknowledged that they deserved at least the protection of the Minimum Wages Act but left the decision to the State. In keeping with its verbal-only assurances, the State has even now only promised them ₹6,000 a month by December 2025 – much less than what multi-purpose health workers receive. The indifference is not accidental: ASPs, who predate Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and anganwadi workers, have been easy to ignore because they are poor, rural women. Their neglect reveals a gendered and caste-inflected hierarchy of labour within public health, where skilled work is low status and devalued because of who performs it. Their ongoing protests are part of an arc of agitation following similar sit-ins in Kolhapur, Nagpur, Ratnagiri and Yavatmal. In this regard, their plight resonates with that of ASHAs in other States. ASHAs, created under the National Rural Health Mission in 2005, are the community's first link to the health system and are also officially classified as "volunteers" rather than employees, compensated only through oft-delayed incentives, amounting to less than subsistence. Across States, ASHAs have repeatedly agitated for fixed honoraria, recognition as government staff and social security, and, like the ASPs' protests, have borne the same refrain: States cannot continue to build their health systems on the underpaid labour of women.

These struggles highlight a structural contradiction. While India relies heavily on women community health workers and attendants to deliver maternal and child health care, immunisation and disease surveillance, especially in rural areas, it refuses to recognise them as workers entitled to minimum benefits and dignity. The reliance is often framed as offering rural women "opportunities" for public service. Yet, in practice, it is exploitation. These women risk snakebite while clearing hospital grounds and death in accidents en route to vaccination duty without insurance or compensation. A health system that does not value the people who keep it functional and link its margins to formal care is bound to sabotage itself. To secure rural health is to secure the rights of those women through living wages, safe working conditions and stable employment.

Swim to safety

Engagement with fishers can help with marine conservation

Once widespread across the Gulf of Mannar, Palk Bay, the Gulf of Kutch and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India's dugongs dwindled to a few hundred individuals as poaching, by-catch, habitat loss and pollution compounded the animals' slow rate of reproduction. But, in the last decade, a series of initiatives have signalled a serious, if still inchoate, effort to reverse this decline. The most visible step was the notification of the Dugong Conservation Reserve in Palk Bay in 2022 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act. Protecting over 12,000 hectares of seagrass meadows, it has become a model of integrated marine conservation. Tamil Nadu's stewardship, bolstered by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and local community participation, has mitigated poaching and encouraged fishers to release dugongs caught as by-catch. Now, the International Union for Conservation of Nature has recognised the reserve as an exemplar, lauding its ecological significance and innovative restoration techniques. WII surveys suggest that the population here numbers over 200, fragile but encouraging progress from the fear of extinction voiced two decades ago. India has also experimented with technologies that widen conservation options, which include drone platforms and acoustic and satellite-based mapping of seagrass beds.

Yet, much remains to be done. Even in the reserve, mechanised fishing, port construction, dredging and pollution from agriculture and industry threaten seagrass meadows. Dugongs continue to die in fishing nets. Rising sea temperatures, acidification and storms threaten restoration gains. Populations in Gujarat and the Andamans are also smaller and less protected than in Tamil Nadu. Experts have stressed the importance of cross-border collaboration, particularly with Sri Lanka, since dugongs traverse the narrow Palk Strait. Without shared protection, the recovery will remain local. Funding, too, has been inconsistent: while allocations from the compensatory afforestation fund have helped, the long gestation of dugong populations requires decades of steady investment. These efforts and shortcomings hold broader lessons for the conservation of other marine species that demand intact ecosystems while being directly threatened by human activity. The Palk Bay reserve demonstrates that community engagement with fishers as partners can mitigate by-catch and create local constituencies for conservation. The IUCN recognition underscores how international endorsement can amplify domestic efforts, offering legitimacy and opportunities for knowledge exchange. Likewise, blending traditional ecological knowledge with technologies such as drones and echosounders shows how conservation can bridge tradition with modernity.

A 100-year journey as the guardian of meritocracy

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The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) marks a century of its establishment on October 1. Envisioned by the nation's founders as a guardian of meritocracy, the UPSC has played a pivotal role in the recruitment, the promotion and the disciplining of officials of the Central Civil Services. Its journey over the past 100 years is not just an institutional history but also a testament to India's enduring faith in fairness, trust and integrity in governance.

The idea of an independent commission to recruit higher civil servants took root well before Independence. The Government of India Act, 1919, first provided for such a body, and in October 1926, the Public Service Commission was set up, following the recommendations of the Lee Commission (1924) which observed, "Wherever democratic institutions exists, experience has shown that to secure an efficient civil service it is essential to protect it as far as possible from political or personal influences and give it that position of stability and security which is vital to its successful working as the impartial and efficient instrument by which Governments, of whatever political complexion may give effect to their policies."

Headed by Sir Ross Barker, it began with limited powers, as an experiment under colonial rule. The Government of India Act, 1935 elevated it to the Federal Public Service Commission, giving Indians a greater role in administration. With the adoption of the Constitution in 1950, it assumed its present status as the UPSC. From conducting a handful of examinations in its early years, the UPSC has grown into a premier institution overseeing recruitment for diverse services ranging from the civil services to engineering, forest, medical, and statistical cadres. Its scope has expanded with the Republic, yet its mandate remains unchanged – to select the finest talent for public service.

The foundation and pillars

If the history of the UPSC is its foundation, the principles of trust, integrity and fairness are its pillars. Over the decades, millions of aspirants have placed their faith in the Commission, assured that success or failure depends solely on merit. This trust is no accident. It has been built painstakingly through transparency in procedure, impartiality in evaluation, and an uncompromising stance against malpractice.

Integrity, meanwhile, has meant protecting the institution from political or external pressures, maintaining confidentiality, and ensuring that those who succeed are genuinely among the most competent. Fairness has also meant providing equal opportunity to candidates from every background, urban or rural, privileged or underprivileged, fluent in English or not. In a country as diverse as India, where inequalities persist, the fact that the UPSC examinations are regarded as a true "level playing field" is itself one of independent India's proudest achievements.

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This philosophy finds echo in the timeless wisdom of the *Bhagavad Gītā*, where what Lord Krishna says, "*Tasmadsakt statam karyam karma Samachar. Asakto haracharkarm paramapnoti purushah*" can be translated as '... without attachment, constantly perform your duty as it ought to be done'.

The UPSC embodies this principle: it performs its duty with rigour and fairness, without attachment to outcomes.

The 'Indian Dream', the complexities

At the heart of the UPSC's recruitment journey are the thousands of aspiring youngsters who come forward year after year, driven by dedication, perseverance and a dream to serve the nation. Once dominated by a select few from elite urban centres, today, the civil services examination attracts candidates from nearly every district of India, including the remotest and most underprivileged regions. This extraordinary diversity reflects the true spirit of the 'Indian Dream' – the aspiration that talent, hard work and commitment can open the doors of opportunity to all.

The UPSC salutes these courageous aspirants and remains committed to reaching every corner of the country, ensuring that every aspiring citizen has the chance to contribute to the nation's service and progress.

The UPSC takes immense pride in conducting the world's biggest and most sophisticated competitive examination, the civil service examination, with remarkable precision and consistency year after year. Starting with nearly between 10 lakh to 12 lakh applicants for the preliminary examination, candidates for the mains examination have the option of choosing from among 48 subjects and writing their answers in English or any of the 22 languages recognised under the Constitution of India. The UPSC then evaluates these multiple-subject candidates into a single merit-based ranking – a feat that is unique in its scale and sophistication anywhere in the world. The logistics of the civil services examinations are truly extraordinary.

The preliminary examination is held across more than 2,500 venues nationwide. For the mains examination, the task becomes an intricate challenge in ensuring that each candidate at different centres across the country receives the question paper for the subject they have chosen.

This complexity is further compounded by the special arrangements made for differently-abled candidates. After the examination, answer sheets are evaluated anonymously by top experts in the 48 disciplines, with proficiency in the language in which the answers are written. All of this is completed within a defined timeline, without disruption, even during events such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

This seamless, time-bound orchestration typifies the UPSC – its ability to manage complexity and diversity with efficiency, fairness, and equity.

As we celebrate a century of the UPSC, it is equally fitting to honour the unsung heroes behind its remarkable success – the paper-setters and evaluators who form the faceless backbone of the Commission. These are some of the finest academics and experts in the country, each a master in their own discipline. Yet they serve with quiet dedication, without seeking recognition or the limelight. This writer thanks every one of them for their selfless service, which ensures that the dreams and the aspirations of thousands of candidates are judged with fairness, rigour and integrity.

Across decades, the UPSC has given the nation civil servants who have administered during crises, managed the economy through reforms, overseen infrastructure and environmental challenges, and contributed in countless invisible ways to nation-building. Their work touches every Indian, even if the hand behind the service remains unseen.

A series of reforms

As the UPSC enters its centenary year, this moment calls not just for celebration but also for reflection. As India marches toward reclaiming old glory as a leading light of the world, the challenges emanating from global competition and technology advancements are disrupting existing models of governance. As an institution, the UPSC will continuously strive and adapt to these changes to remain current.

As a part of this, the UPSC has already initiated many reforms. The UPSC has a new online application portal for greater ease of application and new face-recognition technology to ensure zero impersonation. Its reforms with examination and recruitment processes are in line with the changing needs of time. The UPSC's Professional Resource And Talent Integration Bridge for Hiring Aspirants (PRATIBHA) Setu initiative, is facilitating employment opportunities for those who reach the interview stage but are unable to make it in the final list. PRATIBHA Setu has already helped many. Going forward, the UPSC proposes to use digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence, for its efficient and effective working, without compromising on the integrity of the processes and practices.

As Chairman, along with my fellow members of the Commission, celebrating the centenary year at the UPSC, we are humbled and inspired by the strength of our legacy and the faith reposed in the institution by the society at large.

We reaffirm our resolve to uphold and carry forward this gold standard of integrity, fairness and excellence, ensuring that the UPSC continues to serve the nation with the same trust and distinction in the years to come.

Reclaim the district as a democratic commons

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Across the world, public life feels increasingly fragmented and polarised, even as technological, ecological, and demographic upheavals gather pace. India's greatest opportunity – and challenge – in this moment lies with its youth. With 65% of the population under the age of 35 years, an aging global population, and profound changes in the nature of work, the question before us is stark. Can India's leaders ensure that our young people are mainstreamed economically and democratically?

Doing so will require shifting our gaze from metropolitan hubs to the districts where most Indians live. Nearly 85% of Indians remain in the district of their birth, yet cities that cover just 3% of the country's land account for over 60% of GDP. This concentration of growth, both social and geographic, has left much of the nation's talent under-utilised. Even as corporate profits have risen to record highs, wages have stagnated. That has dampened domestic consumption – the main pillar of the Indian economy – because purchasing power remains concentrated among a narrow segment. In a global order marked by volatility, India's next wave of growth cannot rely on exports or elite consumption alone. While governments have tried to put more money in people's hands, mass youth opportunity needs broad-based participation in production, consumption and innovation.

The problem is centralisation

Such participation cannot be engineered only from above. A central problem with India's governance is its deep centralisation. Successive policy paradigms have prioritised administrative efficiency, technocratic schemes and digital service delivery. These are all important. But their top-down nature has narrowed political agency at the local level. Elected representatives, meant to act as conduits between citizen aspirations and state capacity, have been reduced to mediators of individual entitlements rather than shapers of developmental direction and conveners of public good.

> It is a crucial step to revive national development and the fundamental principles of democratic engagement

This model is showing strain. Electoral politics has increasingly pivoted to welfare through cash transfers in the absence of meaningful employment. But this approach is yielding diminishing returns as promises multiply while structural transformation remains elusive.

Beneath the surface, there is growing political fatigue, among citizens and representatives, with a system that is struggling to deliver opportunity and ownership. This fatigue is most evident among young people, for whom the promise of mobility collides with the reality of limited opportunity.

Re-engaging youth, creating opportunity

To truly transform India, we must start from where Indian youth actually live – its districts. Administratively, India has long been district-led but this dominance of bureaucracy means that citizens experience the state primarily as subjects of delivery, not civic participants. To re-engage our youth and create opportunity, we must reclaim the district as a democratic commons rather than just an administrative unit.

If districts were placed at the centre of our civic imagination, opaque national schemes could be disaggregated, silos broken, and outcomes tracked locally. This would make accountability tangible, showing where districts are creating opportunity for youth and where course correction is needed. It would also bring into focus the stark disparities in investment, opportunity and outcomes across districts, enabling more equitable allocation of resources.

This vision builds on India's democratic structure. Districts already anchor administration, and Members of Parliament (MP) chair committees overseeing central schemes. Linking outcomes more directly to MPs' constituencies would bring governance closer to the people, incentivise locally tailored solutions and deepen civic engagement. Measurement and accountability cannot by themselves overcome deficits of capacity or political will, but they can clarify problems, surface local innovations and create transparency. Done well, they can build a constituency for reform by connecting elected representatives, civil society and private actors around shared developmental priorities.

Shared responsibility for inclusive growth

This transformation also demands visible and meaningful participation from India's top 10% – political leaders, corporate executives and intellectuals. While many profess a commitment to inclusion, translating principle into practice requires specific and targeted interventions.

A district-first civic framework provides a way to do just that. It offers a tangible route for elites to translate good intentions into local action. It reclaims governance as a deeply democratic, grounded process: redistributing power to communities, fostering collective accountability, and bridging the persistent gap between policy design and lived impact. India's future will not be determined only by economic indicators, but by whether its democracy is responsive to the needs of youth outside urban and elite centres. We already have a district-first bureaucracy. What we need now is a district-first democracy. A district-first approach offers a framework to rebuild that engagement – by reconnecting local political leadership with development outcomes, and placing districts at the heart of democratic participation and economic progress. Most importantly, this framework of local collaboration offers a chance to build tangible common ground that is rooted in a shared love for the country, rather than being drawn into performative or polarising partisanship.

By focusing on India's districts, we can revive both national development and the fundamental principles of democratic engagement. If we fail to reimagine districts as democratic spaces, we risk not only wasting our demographic dividend but also hollowing out democracy itself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Star shows, public events

The stampede in Karur, Tamil Nadu is a grim reminder of how poor crowd management can turn into disaster. The organisers and officials must be held accountable after a thorough and fair probe.

Announcements of compensation are not enough. Going forward, events that will draw large crowds must follow strict crowd-control rules, emergency planning and medical preparedness.

Charu Sharma,
Hoshiarpur, Punjab

From stadiums to public gatherings, innocent lives have been repeatedly lost. What is urgently needed is a coherent, nationwide policy that is rooted in emergency preparedness, trained local administration, scientific crowd control, and public awareness.

Mohammad Asad,
Mumbai

SIR, wrong polling station

I am writing to express my sadness over the final SIR list. My village is Telarh and my polling station should be here, like it is for fellow villagers. But due to the Election Commission of India's error, my polling station is now Madhya Vidyalay Agiaon Bazar Baya Bhag – 345, which is not even in my panchayat. I have complained about this several times and have filled Form 8 twice to transfer my polling station to my village, Prathmik Vidalay Telarh Paschim Bhag – 366. The reply every time is that my form is "under process". The BLO never visited me. I even filled the SIR form online and uploaded the required documents. My name is in the draft list but not under my village's polling station.

Md Sabir Hussain,
Arrah, Bihar

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The transformation of girls' education

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In a country where the phrase "*Beti padhegi toh kya karegi*? (What will a daughter do if she studies?)" once echoed through homes and villages, India has undergone a powerful transformation in girls' education over the past decade.

At a *Mahila Sammelan* (Women's Conference) in Dwarka, Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked a group of women how many had studied beyond class 5. To his surprise, most of the elderly women raised their hands, while few younger women did. When asked why, they pointed to the era of the Gaekwad dynasty (1721-1947), when fathers were penalised for not educating their daughters. Today, however, many women are literate, while their daughters-in-law are not.

This anecdote underscores a larger truth: good intentions must be backed by accountability, leadership, and policy. And under Mr. Modi's leadership, India is witnessing just that – a systemic push to change not just rules, but mindsets. This transformation is not just about more girls in classrooms; it's about shifting the very foundations of Indian society, its health, economy, and demography, by empowering its daughters with the most effective tool of change: education.

The Gujarat model

As Chief Minister of Gujarat, Mr. Modi recognised that tackling issues such as female foeticide and girls' illiteracy required a multi-pronged approach. Laws alone wouldn't suffice; a fundamental shift in public perception, supported by infrastructure and incentives, was required. Launched in 2003, the Kanya Kelavani campaign became a key vehicle for this change. The initiative promoted awareness about girls' education while addressing barriers such as the lack of separate toilets for girls in schools, a major cause of dropouts during adolescence.

The results were significant. Female literacy rate in Gujarat which was lower than the national average, increased to 70%, higher than the national average of 64%. The school dropout rate reduced by as much as 90% among female students in targeted districts.

Mr. Modi transformed the policy initiative through widespread public support, by personally auctioning gifts received at public events, raising ₹19 crore for girls' education. He also made a personal contribution of ₹21 lakh. These efforts sent a strong signal: girls' education wasn't just a government scheme, it was a public movement.

Scaling success nationwide

Inspired by Gujarat's success, the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative was launched nationwide in 2015. Its aim was twofold: to prevent female foeticide and promote girls' education. The initiative focused on 100 gender-critical districts in its initial phase and later expanded nationwide. It brought together multiple ministries – Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare, and Human Resource Development – in a coordinated push for change. Among other measures of outcome, its impact is most visible in the survival rate of girls. India's sex ratio at birth improved from 919 girls per 1,000 boys (2015-16) to 929 (2019-21). Encouragingly, 20 out of 30 States/UTs are performing better than the national average of 930.

But these improvements in sex ratio at birth are encouraging, they are just one piece of a much larger puzzle. The real power of girls' education lies in the ripple effects it triggers across society. Educated women tend to marry later and have fewer children. India's Total Fertility Rate has dropped to 2.0, just below replacement level. This shift is closely tied to rising female education and workforce participation. Women with secondary education are more likely to seek institutional deliveries and prenatal care. The Infant Mortality Rate for girls has dropped from 49 per 1,000 live births in 2014 to 33 by 2020. While overall female labour force participation remains a challenge, it is rising in sectors such as healthcare, education, STEM, and entrepreneurship – fields that thrive on literacy and skills. From officers in the armed forces to CEOs of tech startups, today's educated Indian women are breaking barriers.

The multiplier effect

Educated girls grow into educated mothers – and that changes everything. Studies show that children of educated mothers perform better in school and experience better health outcomes. In Madhya Pradesh, recent surveys show that 89.5% of people are aware of BBBP, and 63.2% say it directly encouraged them to send their daughters to school. Communities reported increased support for delaying early marriage and promoting girls' higher education. These statistics reflect changing mindsets in regions where girls were once kept from schools entirely.

This transformation is a deep-rooted change facilitated by thoughtful and effective policies aimed at empowering young women. The long-term impact of these initiatives will be even more pronounced because of the positive feedback cycle that enhances not only individual lives but entire communities. Today's educated girls are not merely students; they are potential leaders, advocates, and change-makers of tomorrow. Educated girls are more likely to join the workforce, contribute to their families' incomes, and invest in the education of their children.

As we look to the future, we can be hopeful that the changes initiated under Mr. Modi's leadership will continue to gain momentum, leading to a more equitable society where every girl has the right to learn, grow, and thrive. Let's be clear: when you educate a girl, you save a society.

The Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao initiative has shown significant results in the last decade

What triggered the chaos at Karur

The stampede occurred due to poor planning and leadership

STATE OF PLAY

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The predictable blame game has begun over the stampede that took place on September 27 in Karur district of Tamil Nadu. The death toll at the stampede, which occurred at an overcrowded roadshow held by Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) founder and actor Vijay, has climbed to 41.

The common refrain among the people is that "it was a tragedy waiting to happen". Critics of the DMK government have pointed a finger at the administration, claiming that the police failed to allocate a proper venue for the show. The police, in turn, have argued that TVK organisers had asked permission for a rally of 10,000 people, but that an estimated 25,000-27,000 people arrived at the venue. This is a poor excuse, given the turnout at Mr. Vijay's previous roadshows and the unrestrained behaviour of his followers. But Mr. Vijay and the event organisers are equally to blame. They have still not grasped the complex logistics of crowd mobilisation and safety management.

Mr. Vijay, who harbours ambitions of becoming the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, reached the venue several hours behind schedule. By that time, the crowd was already bursting at the seams. Upon realising that the situation had got out of hand, the actor developed cold feet. Without checking what had happened to the people who had thronged there to see him, Mr. Vijay abruptly ended his speech and rushed to Chennai by a chartered flight.

On reaching the capital city, Mr. Vijay refused to speak to the media at the airport. He was expected to react, but he issued only a brief statement on social media, long after the tragedy had drawn national attention and prompted responses from the President, the Prime Minister, the Chief Minister, and other leaders. "I am languishing in pain and grief which cannot be expressed in words," he posted. Though he announced ₹20 lakh each to the families of the dead, and ₹10 lakh for the injured, he missed the opportunity to show leadership in the face of adversity.

Tragedies do occur when crowds turn out in larger numbers than expected, and there have been quite a few instances of these across India. However, political parties in Tamil Nadu have mastered the art of organising mega events without causing casualties. The AIADMK, the DMK, and the Left parties all plan events meticulously. They often distribute water bottles and provide snacks and food packets in some cases. These measures prevent dehydration, which is likely to occur in a State where the sun is often extremely harsh.

Mr. Vijay, who is new to politics, has clearly failed to learn these lessons. Worse, the actor, who in many ways is responsible for the tragedy, fled the scene instead of staying in Tiruchi or a nearby town and visiting the victims.

The government too is accountable. It should not have permitted him to address a rally standing in the middle of a road, especially considering the density of vehicular traffic and his immense popularity as an actor. Such a mode of communication is a public nuisance in small towns such as Karur. Political rallies should be held outside city or town limits.

At the same time, it is also true that if the police or administration had denied permission for his roadshow, Mr. Vijay – whose primary target is the DMK government and who has been saying that the 2026 Assembly elections will be a contest primarily between his party and the DMK – would likely have made a major political issue of it.

The tragedy will now have a chilling effect on Mr. Vijay. He will have to think hard before planning his next move or rally. His followers too may weigh safety and other risks before participating in his outreach programmes. The government has the right to deny permission for his roadshows.

The event also once again exposes Tamil Nadu's craze for film personalities. Despite tall claims of achieving growth and making strides in education and social justice, the State is unique in this regard. Anyone can enter politics; however, only in Tamil Nadu do all those who act in films arrogate to themselves the right to enter the field simply because they had essayed roles in which they were seen saving people and fighting tooth and nail for justice. And when that happens, ideologically inclined people and those dedicated to public causes simply look on. They are left with no choice but to throw their hands up in despair.

More women join the labour force, but are they really employed?

In rural areas, it is difficult to separate women's domestic responsibilities from their role as helpers in household enterprises

DATA POINT

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The female labour force participation rate (FLFPR) measures the share of women who are either employed or actively seeking work. A higher FLFPR is often seen as a sign of greater gender equality and a more dynamic labour market. The FLFPR fell from 31.2% in 2011-12 to 23.3% in 2017-18, before climbing to 41.7% in 2023-24 **(Chart 1)**. While this rise appears encouraging, a closer look reveals that women continue to face barriers – both in terms of earnings and the kind of jobs available to them.

In India, workers are broadly classified into three categories: self-employed, regular salaried, and casual workers. The NSSO tracks earnings for each of these groups. Strikingly, during the very period when the FLFPR rose, real earnings declined for all categories except casual workers in both rural and urban areas. This points to a troubling reality – more women may be entering the workforce, but they are not finding secure or remunerative employment.

Chart 1 shows that the recent rise in FLFPR is largely driven by rural women. To understand this trend better, we now turn to a closer examination of female labour force participation and employment patterns in rural India.

Economic development is typically associated with a shift of the workforce from agriculture to non-agricultural sectors. Given the recent rise in rural FLFPR, one might expect more women to be moving out of agriculture into industry or services. The data, however, suggest the opposite. The share of rural women employed in agriculture rose from 71.1% in 2018-19 to 76.9% in 2023-24, while their presence in both the secondary and tertiary sectors declined **(Chart 2)**.

A large share of women's work takes the form of unpaid household labour, which does not count as employment in official statistics. Even within the employed category, there exists a group termed 'helpers in household enterprises' – a role that also falls under unpaid family work. So, two categories capture women attending to domestic duties, both of which are unpaid activities.

Among rural women aged 15 years and above, there has been a sharp fall in those reporting 'domestic duties' – from 57.8% in 2017-18 to 35.7% in 2023-24 (nearly 20 percentage points). This shift is mirrored by a 10.5 point rise in women counted as 'helpers in household enterprises' (from 9.1% to 19.6%) and a 10 point rise in 'own account workers and employers' (from 4.5% to 14.6%) over the same period **(Chart 3)**. In other words, the reduction in unpaid domestic work has translated largely into self-employment, not into an expansion of wage employment.

In rural areas, it is often difficult – if not impossible – to separate women's domestic responsibilities from their role as helpers in household enterprises. This blurring of boundaries may partly explain the rise in FLFPR. It also raises a fundamental question: should such unpaid helper roles be counted as employment at all? At the same time, even within the self-employed category, the apparent increase in own account workers and employers has coincided with a decline in their real earnings. In other words, the rise in self-employment has not improved women's incomes **(Chart 4)**.

Thus, the rise in FLFPR is largely driven by an increase in women counted as helpers in household enterprises and as self-employed workers. Wage employment has not expanded, and real earnings for most categories of women workers have actually fallen. Far from signalling dynamism, this pattern points to deeper vulnerabilities in the labour market.

Facing barriers

The data for the charts were sourced from the Periodic Labour Force Survey and NSSO

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Chart 1: The female labour force participation rate (for women aged 15 years and above)

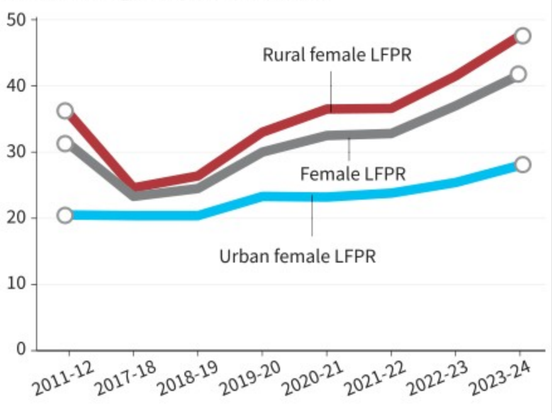


Chart 2: Sectoral distribution of women employment in rural India. Figures in %

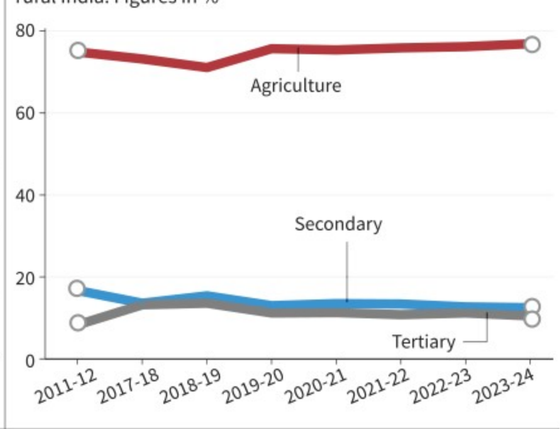


Chart 3: Paid and unpaid work of women in rural India. Figures in %

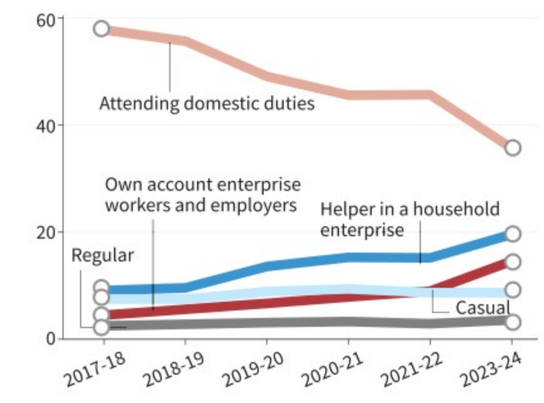
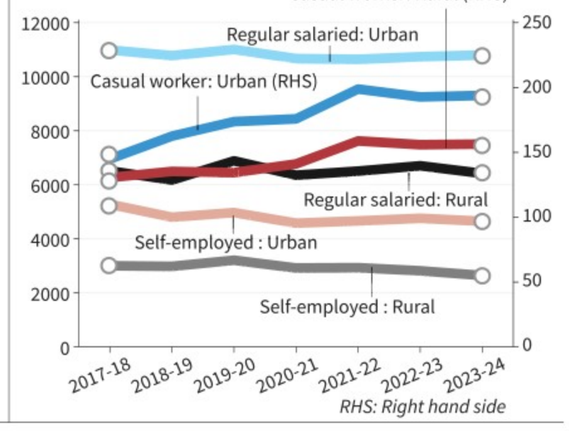


Chart 4: Real wage and earnings of female workers in India (in ₹)



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Rodent control: ICAR plan to involve students

New Delhi, Sept. 30: A five-year national action plan for rodent control has been evolved by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

The students and staff of universities, ICAR, voluntary organisations and Central and State Government Departments will be involved in the rat control plan.

According to the ICAR, there may be about 2,400 to 5,000 million rodents in the fields, in addition to 1,000 million rates (two rats per person) in the residential areas.

The All India Radio and the satellite television will arrange programmes to educate the public, while the students and volunteers will collect the dead bandicoots, skin them, treat the skins with chemicals and forward them to the Central Leather Research Institute in Madras for "by-product utilisation."

The programme is aimed at control of the rat population but not its eradication, since that "may create possible ecological imbalances."

The rat control operation will be carried out in the fields (before sowing of the crop), in threshing yards and in "essential places using poisons such as zinc sulphide and aluminium phosphide. About 1,100 kg of these poisons worth Rs. 45,800 will be required for each community development block."

The section plan is expected to commence in January, 1976.

The ICAR national programme, which also envisages pest management, weed control and planting, involves the control of "white grubs", a pest that causes 40 to 80 per cent loss to crops in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Orissa.

The Weed Control Plan, like that for rodent control, will be taken up on a "massive national scale".

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1, 1925

Belgian king and queen

Delhi, Sept. 30: Their Majesties, the King and Queen of the Belgians, arrived here at half past six, this evening and were received at the Delhi Main Railway Station by Mr. Abbott, Chief Commissioner, Major-General Isaacs and prominent officials. Their Majesties drove to the Vice-regal Lodge. The arrival was private.

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EC releases final voter list after SIR in Bihar

"If any eligible person still wishes to apply for inclusion of their name in the electoral roll, they can submit an application up to 10 days before the last date for filing nominations for election," Apurva Kumar Singh, Assistant Director, EC, said in the statement.

Mr. Singh said if any person was not satisfied with the decision of the electoral registration officer on entry on the electoral rolls, they may, under Section 24 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, file a first appeal before the District Magistrate and a second appeal before the CEO.

Mr. Singh said the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) and district-, constituency-, and block-level election officers had shared, with political parties, the booth-level lists of electors who were reported as deceased, whose enumeration forms were not received, who had permanently migrated, or who could not be traced, with the objective of identifying eligible voters.

The draft electoral rolls were shared with all political parties, while the list of names not included on the draft rolls was displayed by the district election officers and district magistrates, as well as on the website of the Bihar CEO.

He said the SIR exercise was carried out in line with Article 326 of the Constitution. "This large-scale exercise was made successful through the sincere efforts of Chief Electoral Officer Bihar, District Election Officers of all 38 districts, 243 Electoral Registration Officers, 2.976 Assistant Electoral Registration Officers, around 1 lakh Booth Level Officers, lakhs of volunteers and the full involvement of all the 12 major Political Parties, including their district presidents and over 1.6 lakh Booth Level Agents appointed by them," Mr. Singh said.

Ruling parties welcome SIR-vetted list

Bihar's ruling parties welcomed the final electoral rolls. "We welcome the final voter list of Bihar after SIR has been completed successfully. This is certainly a step towards strengthening democracy and will increase transparency in elections," BJP State spokesperson Niraj Kumar said.

Janata Dal(U) MLC and spokesperson Neeraj Kumar slammed the Opposition for questioning the EC's credibility. "The Opposition parties were raising a finger against the EC with the slogan of 'Vote *chori* (vote theft)' and now the final list has been published in which more than 21 lakh names have been added. In Bihar, the maximum population is of marginalised section and their names have been added. The Opposition is exposed now," he said.

Opposition Rashtriya Janata Dal spokesperson Chitranjan Gagan said that the party would give its official statement on the completion of SIR after reviewing it with booth-level agents and panchayat representatives.

9 killed in accident at Ennore power plant

The Kattur police have filed a case and are investigating the incident.

The nine deceased have been identified as Munnakempral, Vidayum Pravotsha, Sumon Karikap, Deepak Raijiung, Sarbonit Thausen, Pranto Sorong, Paban Sorong, Phaibit Phonglo, and Bimaraj Thausen, all migrant workers from Assam.

J. Radhakrishnan, chairman and managing director of the Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation, is at the hospital, along with senior electricity officials.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin condoled the death of workers. In his message, Mr. Stalin extended his deep condolences to the bereaved family members and also announced a solatium of ₹10 lakh to families of each of the deceased. Mr. Stalin said he has asked officials to undertake steps to take their mortal remains to their native State.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi too condoled the deaths and announced an *ex-gratia* of ₹2 lakh to families of each of the deceased. The injured will get ₹50,000. In a social media post, Mr. Modi said: "Saddened by the mishap due to the collapse of a building in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. My thoughts are with the affected people and their families in this difficult hour. Praying for the speedy recovery of the injured."

'Wangchuk suggested overthrow of government'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Ladakh administration on Tuesday accused climate activist Sonam Wangchuk of suggesting "self-immolation" to the people of Ladakh on "multiple occasions" on "lines of protests in Tibet."

In a statement issued late on Tuesday, the Union Territory administration said the "grounds of detention etc." had been duly served on Mr. Wangchuk, presently detained under the National Security Act (NSA) at the Jodhpur Central jail in Rajasthan.

Mr. Wangchuk's wife Gitanjali Angmo said she was yet to speak to her husband who was detained on September 26 or get a copy of the detention order.

'Instigated' protest

"Sonam Wangchuk had suggested 'overthrow' of government on lines of 'Arab Spring', if their demands were not met, besides putting forth the idea of self-immolation for instigating agitation for this purpose, as happened in Arab countries, including Tunisia. On multiple occasions, he suggested self-immolation by Ladakhis on lines of protests in Tibet," the statement said.

Blaming him for the violence in Leh city on September 26, the Ladakh administration said that "even though other Leh Apex Body leaders (including elders) rushed to pacify the aggressive crowd, Mr. Wangchuk made no attempts to ensure peace."

Kargil group sets terms to resume talks with Centre

Kargil Democratic Alliance seeks judicial probe into civilian killings; says people who stand up for the rights of Ladakh cannot be labelled 'anti-nationals'; Leh Apex Body too had ruled out dialogue

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR/LEH

Uneasy calm: Security personnel keep watch during relaxation of the curfew in Leh on Tuesday. PTI

Curfew was relaxed on Tuesday in Ladakh's Leh town, where violent protests over the demands for Statehood and inclusion in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution left four civilians dead on September 24.

Amid the efforts to restore normalcy, the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), a Kargil-based umbrella organisation of social, political and religious groups, on Tuesday announced its decision to withdraw from talks with the Centre scheduled for October 6. The KDA's decision came a day after the Leh Apex Body (LAB) decided to boycott the talks.

Top leaders of the KDA, who addressed a press conference in Kargil, demanded an impartial judicial investigation into the civilian killings as one of the conditions to restart the dialogue with the high-powered committee appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

"The KDA will not return to the negotiating table until its key demands are addressed, which include the unconditional release of those detained and halting of further arrests. A judicial probe should also be announced into the firing incident," KDA co-chairperson Asgar Ali Karbalai said.

In the wake of the violent protests, activist Sonam Wangchuk, who was on a hunger strike from September 10 to press for the demands of Statehood for Ladakh and its inclusion in the Sixth Schedule [tribal status] of the Constitution, was detained on September 26.

The KDA took exception to the branding of Ladakh residents as "anti-nationals".

"People who stand up for the rights of Ladakh cannot be dismissed with such baseless accusations. Sonam Wangchuk is a respected figure not just in Ladakh but across the nation," Mr. Karbalai said.

After the curfew was relaxed, people were seen busy buying essentials. "Initially, curfew was relaxed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Later, shopkeepers were told they can keep shops open till 5 p.m.," a shopkeeper in Leh market said.

Internet suspended

Though the curfew was relaxed, the authorities announced a complete suspension of mobile Internet and public Wi-Fi services in Leh district till October 3. A Home Ministry order said the Internet suspension was enforced "due to unavoidable circumstances" and to "avert public emergency and prevent incitement of offences."

Ladakh Lieutenant-Governor Kavinder Gupta again chaired a high-level meeting to review law and order situation in the Union Territory. It was attended by top officials of the police, CRPF, Army and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). An official spokesman said Mr. Gupta made a detailed assessment of the ground situation "in view of the recent developments and the relaxation of restrictions in certain areas".

While appreciating the "responsible conduct of the people", the L-G warned locals against falling prey to the designs of "anti-social and anti-national elements".

"The people of Ladakh have shown remarkable maturity, restraint, and commitment to peace even in challenging circumstances. Their patience and cooperation reflect the true spirit of harmony that defines our region," the L-G said.

He assured them that every legitimate concern of the people "will be addressed through dialogue and democratic means," the spokesman said.

Activists demand Wangchuk's release

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Activists on Tuesday demanded the release of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk who was detained under the National Security Act (NSA) on September 26 following violent protests in Ladakh that left four persons dead in police action.

Addressing a press conference, Gitanjali Angmo, Mr. Wangchuk's wife, said she had not been able to contact her husband nor had the police provided her a copy of the the NSA order yet. Mr. Wangchuk is being detained at the Jodhpur central jail.

Supreme Court advocate Prashant Bhushan said Mr. Wangchuk did not instigate the violence rather he called off his hunger strike after coming to know that violence had erupted in Leh on September 24.

Order copy awaited

"His arrest has hurt the people of Ladakh more. Per rules, a copy of the detention order is to be given within five days, it has not happened yet. Both the LAB (Leh Apex Body) and the KDA (Kargil Democratic Alliance) have refused to talk to the government till he is released. He was never against the Modi government, he has been demanding (Statehood and sixth schedule) for the past six years," Mr. Bhushan said.

Political activist Yogendra Yadav also demanded his immediate release.

Congress targets BJP over killing of Kargil veteran in police firing during Leh stir

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of "betraying" the people of Ladakh, with the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi demanding a judicial probe into the death of four protesters in police firing in the Union Territory.

Kargil war veteran Tsewang Tharchin was one of those killed on September 24, when protests over Statehood and inclusion of Ladakh under the Sixth Schedule turned violent.

Taking to social media platform X, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Mr. Gandhi posted on the anguish caused by the Kargil veteran's death.

Mortal remains of Tharchin being taken for his last rites amid curfew in Leh on Monday

Mr. Kharge shared a video of Tharchin's father and said, "Ladakh's sorrow is the sorrow of the entire nation." He targeted the BJP for its hollow nationalism. "Shaheed Tsewang Tharchin fulfilled his duty towards Mother India in the Kargil War. What did he get in return? A bullet from the Modi government in Ladakh! The father was also in the Army, the son was also in the Army," Mr. Kharge said.

Making a political charge, the Congress chief said the Prime Minister himself gave China a clean chit when 20 brave soldiers sacrificed their lives for the country at the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh's Galwan.

"Those who can give China a CLEAN CHIT, what respect will they show for the martyrdom of brave soldiers like our Tsewang Tharchin!" Mr. Kharge alleged.

Mr. Gandhi, who is on a four-nation tour of South America said, "We demand that an impartial judicial inquiry be conducted into these killings in Ladakh, and the culprits be given the harshest punishment."

Trump's Gaza peace plan is comprehensive, provides viable pathway to peace: PM

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday welcomed U.S. President Donald Trump's Gaza peace proposal, which Mr. Trump released on Monday after meeting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House.

Mr. Modi said the proposal will help Palestinians and Israelis as well as the West Asia region.

In response to Mr. Modi's remarks, Israel ambassador Reuven Azar said India can participate in the reconstruction of Gaza Strip.

"We welcome President Donald J. Trump's announcement of a comprehensive plan to end the Gaza conflict. It provides a viable pathway to long term and sustainable peace, security and development for the Palestinian and Israeli people. We hope that all concerned will come together behind President Trump's initiative and support this effort to end conflict and secure peace," said Mr. Modi said, in a message posted in Hebrew, English, Arabic and Chinese. The peace plan proposes an immediate end to the war in Gaza and release of all the hostages held by Hamas within 72 hours and does not allow Israel to "occupy or annex" Gaza.

Narendra Modi

It proposes phased withdrawal of Israeli forces. Under the plan, Gaza will be under "temporary transitional governance" that will be supervised by a "Board of Peace" to be headed by Mr. Trump himself, and will include other members and heads of states "to be announced".

The Ministry of External Affairs is yet to respond to a question from *The Hindu* on how India's policy of "two-state solution" will be in harmony with governance of Palestinian territory (Gaza) through a "Board of Peace" as President Trump's plan envisages.

India got 8% more monsoon rainfall this year, says IMD

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India this year received 8% more monsoon rainfall than normal, the fifth-highest since 2001 and the 38th highest since 1901, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday.

The IMD considers only the rainfall from June 1 to September 30 to calculate monsoon data.

While the southwest monsoon season largely boded well for agriculture by boosting storage in reservoirs, it wreaked havoc in several parts of the country – particularly in North India – leading to loss of life and property.

Seasonal rainfall over northwest India, central India, and south peninsula was 27%, 15% and 10% more than their seasonal averages. However, rainfall in eastern and northeastern India was 80% of what those regions usually get.

The rainfall over northwest India was 74.79 cm, the highest since 2001 and sixth highest since 1901, while that over east and northeast India was 108.9 cm, the second lowest since 1901. Overall, the monsoon rainfall was 93.7 cm.

The monsoon season saw extremely heavy spells in several parts of northern and southern India, thanks to the conjoining of storms that originated in the Mediterranean region, along with the monsoon trough that hovers over the Indian landmass during the monsoon season. When parsed by months, rainfall was 9% more than what is usual in June, 5% more in both July and August, and 15% excess in September.

Pouring patterns

Monsoon rains were uneven across India, with reservoirs filling in some regions while others faced a dry spell

- Northwest sees record rainfall of 27% above seasonal average, the highest since 2001
- Central India and south peninsula see above-average rainfall 15% and 10% higher than their seasonal averages
- East and Northeast face deficit, receiving only 80% of usual rainfall, the second-lowest since 1901

The southwest monsoon advanced over the south Andaman Sea and Nicobar Islands on May 13, 2025, nearly nine days ahead of the normal schedule. It arrived in Kerala on May 24, ahead of the usual onset date of June 1, and covered the entire country by June 29.

There were seven monsoon depressions, or subcyclonic storms that form in the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, during the season. Of the seven, one intensified into a deep depression. Storms falling in this category last an average of 69 days against a normal of 55, contributing to the extended spells of heavy rain.

Though the monsoon system has not fully withdrawn and will prevail over the next couple of weeks, the IMD does not count that rain in its quota of monsoon rainfall. For October, the agency has forecast 'above normal' rain in the country, except for parts of north and northwest India.

While a La Nina is expected to form in the central equatorial Pacific Ocean and it usually means a stronger winter, IMD Director-General M. Mohapatra said this was not always the case.

A forecast for winter (December, January and February) will be available around November, he added.

Centre directs NGOs to seek FCRA renewal 4 months before expiry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs on Tuesday directed non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to submit applications for renewal of their Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) registration at least four months before expiry.

FCRA registration, which is mandatory for NGOs and associations to receive foreign funds, is renewed every five years. In a communication, the Ministry noted that several associations had been submitting renewal applications less than 90 days before the expiry of their certificates.

"Such delayed submissions do not allow sufficient time for scrutiny and for obtaining inputs from security agencies," the Ministry said. It stated that NGOs are "strictly advised to submit their renewal applications well in advance and, in any case, not later than four months before the validity expires.

In Bihar, BJP tries to take a leaf out of M.P. playbook to consolidate votes

Bhojpuri singer Pawan Singh, whose rebellion and Independent candidacy in 2024 LS polls cost the NDA a seat, is now back into party fold; BJP plans to field senior leaders, including Union Ministers, in Assembly election as it did in Madhya Pradesh

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Following the National Democratic Alliance government's announcement of a slew of welfare programmes for Bihar ahead of the Assembly election, the BJP has got down to people management, pulling Bhojpuri singer Pawan Singh back into the NDA fold, and has plans to field senior BJP leaders, including Union Ministers, in the crucial contest.

Mr. Singh has had a chequered history with the BJP, which expelled him last year, but his rebellion and subsequent candidacy from Karakat in the 2024 Lok Sabha election led to the defeat of the candidate of the Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM), an NDA ally. The CPI(ML) won the seat. RLM chief Upendra Kushwaha had expressed bitter feelings about this "sabotage".

However, the BJP top leadership is keen to avoid scattering of votes in what is expected to be a tight fight between the NDA and the grand alliance and hence has managed a rapprochement between Mr. Kushwaha and Mr. Singh.

Strategic move: Actor-singer Pawan Singh, who was expelled from the BJP last year, meeting senior party leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI/ @AMITSHAHOFFICE

According to top sources in the BJP, this is the first of many steps being taken to consolidate votes for the NDA, in what they call the "Madhya Pradesh model" of fighting polls. Mr. Singh is set to rejoin the BJP and likely to fight from Ara.

"If you recall the Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls, the BJP government there first announced measures such as the Laadli Behena income support scheme, and as candidates were set to be announced, poll in-charge Bhupender Yadav and even Home Minister Amit Shah had camped in places such as Jabalpur where there was a huge internal issue over claims for party ticket to contest the election. Apart from that, seven sitting Lok Sabha members, including three senior Ministers in the Modi government – Narendra Tomar, Prahlad Patel, and Faggan Singh Kulaste – were fielded to boost morale and ensure the party field its strongest faces," said a senior leader in charge of the polls.

Thus, BJP general secretary in charge of Bihar, Vinod Tawde, worked hard to ensure that Mr. Singh was not out of the NDA camp cutting its votes. The NDA government also launched the *Dashazaari* or the scheme for ₹10,000 support to women in Bihar. "Now, senior Ministers in the Modi government and some MPs and even MLCs in the Bihar Legislative Council will find their names on the candidate list for the Assembly polls. Many have been sounded out," said the source.

'Need firepower'

"After the demise of [veteran leader] Sushil Kumar Modi, there is no BJP leader who has a hold over either the public or the party organisation. Hence, we need the firepower of Lok Sabha members and Union Ministers in the fray," said another leader.

This time, the Bihar Assembly election is riddled with some consequential questions such as the fate of the Jan Suraaj, the party floated by Prashant Kishor, and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's health condition. Under these circumstances, the BJP is looking at its past successful playbooks for a strategy.

Chirag hits out at Tejashwi over 'power bank' remark, says RJD is dividing Bihar

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Union Minister and Lok Janshakti Party-Ram Vilas (LJP-RV) president Chirag Paswan on Tuesday criticised Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav for his remark that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) considers the Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) a "vote bank" whereas they were a "power bank".

Lashing out at Mr. Yadav, who is the Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, Mr. Paswan said he had never classified any Bihari into any category, and for him, they were all the "people of Bihar". Young leaders such as Mr. Yadav should not divide people on caste lines, the LJP(RV) leader said.

In the run-up to the Assembly election in Bihar, Mr. Yadav has spoken of the importance of EBCs, which constitute 36% of Bihar's population according to the caste-based survey conducted by the State government in two phases in 2023.

Chirag Paswan

Last Saturday, while addressing a gathering of EBCs, Mr. Yadav had alleged that the NDA merely treats the EBCs as a "vote bank" whereas they were an important force in governance, and the EBC would no longer be a "vote bank" but rather a "power bank".

The EBCs will no longer form the government; they would become the government themselves, Mr. Yadav had said.

"I have never ever considered any Bihari as EBC, OBC (Other Backward Classes), Dalit, Mahadalit, backward, Hindu, and Muslims. For me, they all are the people of Bihar, and Bihari. I will talk about 14 crore Biharis, Bihar first and Bihari first. It's the mentality like that of the Leader of the Opposition that has destroyed Bihar," Mr. Paswan said.

"He (Mr. Yadav) calls himself a leader of the 21st century and divides people into castes. Thinking like [this] – who belongs to which caste and which caste does he want to make his vote bank – has destroyed Bihar. It is the way to go ahead in politics. Actually, they can think like this because they are people who hang the locket of 'MY' (Muslim-Yadav) in front of their chest," Mr. Paswan said.

The RJD was the party dividing Bihar on caste and communal lines, Mr. Paswan alleged. "Even I talk about 'MY' but for me 'M' means *mahila* (women), who are half of the population in the country as well as the world, and 'Y' means youth, who are the biggest chunk [of the population] in Bihar. We do not expect young leaders to talk like this, and divide society to drag Bihar 50 years back. He (Mr. Yadav) should refrain from having such a mentality," Mr. Paswan said.

U.K. police investigating Gandhi statue defacement

Press Trust of India
LONDON

Britain's Metropolitan Police said on Tuesday that it has begun an investigation into the criminal damage caused to Mahatma Gandhi's statue at Tavistock Square in London, a crime which the force is treating as "racially aggravated".

The police said it was called to the iconic statue on Sunday evening as reports emerged of the plinth being defaced with disturbing graffiti. The High Commission of India in London said it was a "violent attack".

"We have begun an investigation into reports of criminal damage to a Mahatma Gandhi statue at Tavistock Square Gardens in Camden," a Metropolitan Police statement said.

"The incident is being treated as racially aggravated and enquiries are ongoing. No arrests have been made at this time," it said, appealing for witnesses to come forward with any information that could assist the investigation.

The Mahatma Gandhi statue at Tavistock Square Gardens in Camden. FILE PHOTO

The local Camden Council authorities, meanwhile, confirmed that their cleaning teams were sent to the site to assess the damage and are involved with the restoration work.

On Monday, the Indian High Commission in the U.K. strongly condemned the vandalism as an attack on the legacy of the Mahatma just days before Gandhi Jayanti on October 2.

"The High Commission of India in London is deeply saddened and strongly condemns the shameful act of vandalism of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Tavistock Square in London," the mission's social media statement reads.

"This is not just vandalism, but a violent attack on the idea of non-violence, three days before the International Day of Non-Violence, and on the legacy of the Mahatma. We have taken this up strongly with local authorities for immediate action, and our team is already on site, coordinating with authorities to restore the statue to its original dignity," it says.

The UN has designated Gandhi Jayanti, on October 2, as International Day of Non-Violence.

Canadian Foreign Minister meets Jaishankar in New York, to visit India on October 13-14

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Ahead of a visit by Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand to India in October, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met with her in New York on Monday.

The visit is meant to help repair and "rebuild ties" between the two countries that were ruptured in 2023, but could be overshadowed by the upcoming trials in the Nijjar killing in Canada, and the Pannun assassination plot in the U.S.

Likely link in cases

A new 61-page court document indicates that American authorities will argue there is a strong, provable link between the two cases.

India has denied targeting the men, who have been designated on the government's Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act terror list and are wanted in India.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar meeting with Canada Minister of Foreign Affairs Anita Anand in New York. PTI/ @DRSJAISHANKAR

"A good meeting with Foreign Minister Anita Anand this morning in New York. The appointment of High Commissioners is welcome as we rebuild ties," Mr. Jaishankar posted after the meeting with Ms. Anand, referring to the simultaneous assignment of High Commissioners in Delhi and Ottawa in August. "[We] discussed further steps in that regard today. [I] look forward to welcoming FM Anand in India," he added.

Ms. Anand, who was in former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Cabinet (November 2019-March 2025) before this role, will make her first visit to Delhi on October 13-14, sources told *The Hindu*, and will also be travelling to Singapore and China.

In an interview to a Canadian TV show, she said the Indian government was now actively collaborating in the Nijjar investigation, but did not give details. Later, the Canadian government designated the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, members of which are believed to have carried out the Nijjar killing, as a "terrorist entity" responsible for intimidation and violence against "specific communities" in Canada. In 2024, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which is investigating the killing, said they believed the Bishnoi gang was "connected to agents of the Government of India".

The Canadian authorities have charged four Indians for the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was shot dead outside a gurdwara in Toronto area in June 2023, and their trial is expected to begin in 2026.

Meanwhile, in the U.S., the authorities filed a new set of pre-trial evidentiary documents with the court of the Southern District of New York.

These include a number of photographs and documents from emails and social media messages between former Research & Analysis Wing (RAW) intelligence officer Vikas Yadav, who is in custody in India, and businessman Nikhil Gupta, now in the U.S.'s custody, having been indicted in 2024 for planning a number of attacks on Khalistani activists wanted in India.

The documents refer to Hardeep Singh Nijjar and Gurpatwant Pannun, founder of the Sikhs for Justice separatist group, and for the first time refer to evidence of plots on individuals in "Nepal and Pakistan" as well. It also contains documents pertaining to Mr. Yadav's employment with the R&AW dating back to 2013.

BJP leader V.K. Malhotra passes away at 93; President, Prime Minister pay homage

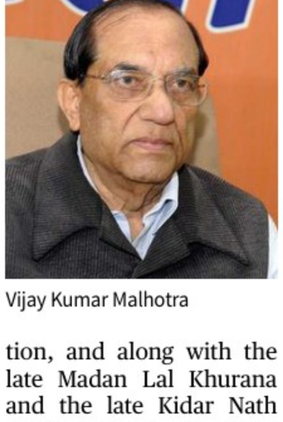
The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vijay Kumar Malhotra, a five-time Lok Sabha member from Delhi, passed away on Tuesday morning after a brief illness. He was 93.

He had been undergoing treatment at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi for the past few days.

Mr. Malhotra was the first president of the BJP's Delhi unit. He had, under the party's old avatar of Jan Sangh, been elected the Chief Metropolitan Councillor of Delhi before its Statehood in 1967, a position equivalent to that of the Chief Minister.

Born in Lahore on December 3, 1931, his family settled in Delhi after Partition, and along with the late Madan Lal Khurana and the late Kidar Nath Sahni, he was one of the leading lights of the BJP's Delhi unit. Apart from winning five Lok Sabha elections, he was a two-time MLA from Delhi.



Vijay Kumar Malhotra

In one of the five Lok Sabha elections that he won from Delhi, he defeated the former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh when the latter fought his maiden Lok Sabha election from the South Delhi constituency in 1999.

President Droupadi Murmu visited the Malhotra residence in New Delhi to pay homage to the departed leader, and spoke with his family members, as did Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Mr. Modi lauded Mr. Malhotra's contribution to public life.

"Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra Ji distinguished himself as an outstanding leader, who had a very good understanding of people's issues. He played a vital role in strengthening our party in Delhi. He is also remembered for his parliamentary interventions. Pained by his passing away. Condolences to his family and admirers...," the PM said in a post on X.

CJI's mother not yet decided on attending RSS function

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

After a controversy erupted, Kamala Gavai, mother of Chief Justice of India Bhushan Gavai and founder of Shri Dadasaheb Charitable Trust, is yet to decide on participating in an RSS Vijayadasami celebration event to be held on Sunday.

"After the social media controversy, she is upset about it. She has not yet made up her mind about whether she will attend the event," Rajendra Gavai, CJI's brother and leader of the RPI (Gavai), told *The Hindu* on Tuesday. He had earlier claimed that she had accepted the invite and will be present at the event.

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh had extended an invite to Ms. Kamala Gavai as the chief guest for its Vijayadasami celebration, which will be held in Amravati on October 5, three days after the Vijayadasami celebration event in Nagpur.

The programme is being held as part of the centenary celebration of the RSS.

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Assignment: I&CAD Department-Calling expression of interest for Empanelment of Reputed Design Agencies for furnishing Rehabilitation and Restoration Designs and Drawings of Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla Barrages based on the investigations carried out as per the directions of NDSA Committee. Proposals for EOI must be submitted in a sealed cover superscribing "Expression of Interest for Rehabilitation / Restoration Design of Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla Barrages of Kaleshwaram Project at Office of the Chief Engineer, Central Designs Organisation, 6th Floor, Jalasoudha building" before Dt: 15.10.2025 15:00 hrs. Sealed covers will be opened at 17:00 hrs on Dt: 15.10.2025 in the conference Hall, 6th Floor, Jalasoudha by the Chief Engineer, CDO or by any other officer on his behalf.
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TIME SCHEDULE FOR "THIRD ROUND" OF UP NEET UG COUNSELING 2025 (M.B.B.S./B.D.S.)

In accordance with the schedule issued by the Medical Counseling Committee (MCC), New Delhi for the NEET UG course, the **schedule for the third round** of online counseling for admission to state quota seats in undergraduate courses (MBBS/BDS) in Government / Private Medical / Dental Colleges / Institutions / Medical Universities is as follows:-

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INBRIEF

Jointness of Armed Forces is a necessity, says Rajnath Singh

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday underlined that jointness among the armed forces was no longer a choice but an operational necessity in the evolving security environment. He was speaking at a seminar organised by the Indian Air Force at New Delhi. Referring to Operation Sindoor, Mr. Singh said the tri-services synergy created a unified, real-time operational picture that empowered commanders with timely decisions and enhanced situational awareness and reduced the risk of fratricide, and said it was a benchmark for future operations. He noted that the interconnected nature of land, sea, air, space and cyberspace demanded deeper collaboration.

HC directs release of disability pension, rejects AFT order

The Delhi High Court has directed the release of disability pension to a retired Army nursing officer, setting aside an order of the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) that had rejected her claim on the ground that her hypertension was attributable to obesity. A Bench of Justice C. Hari Shankar and Justice Om Prakash Shukla observed that the tribunal was "not justified in drawing, of itself, a causal connection between the hypertension and the obesity form which the petitioner was suffering". The court directed the Centre to release disability pension to Ms. Dropadi Tripathi from the date of her release from service, along with arrears, within 12 weeks.

Bihar has fewer Passport and Foreigners Act cases

Illegal migration and infiltration have been raised as key issues ahead of the Bihar polls; according to NCRB data, most of such cases in 2023 were registered in West Bengal, followed by Tripura

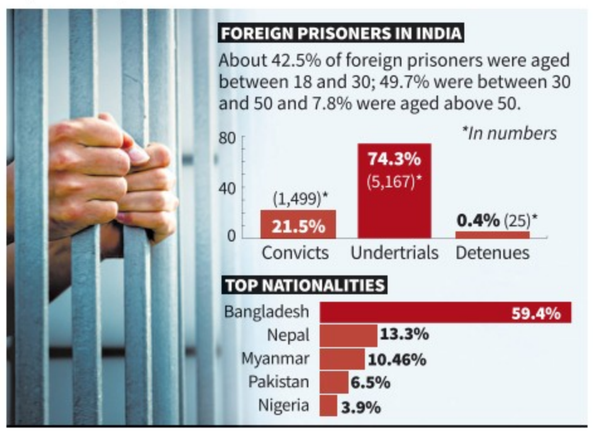
Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

With the Bharatiya Janata Party raising illegal migration and infiltration as key issues ahead of the Assembly election in Bihar, latest data by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) show that only five cases pertaining to the Foreigners and Passport Acts were registered in the State in 2023. The number of such cases in 2022 and 2021 stood at three and one, respectively.

In 2023, across India, a total of 2,290 cases were registered under the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939; Foreigners Act, 1946; Passport Act, 1967; Emigration Act, 1983; and Citizenship Act, 1955, according to the "Crime in India Report 2023" released by the NCRB on Monday.

The highest of 1,050 such cases were registered in West Bengal, followed by 277 cases in Tripura, 272 in Maharashtra, 167 in Tamil Nadu, and 78 in Punjab.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have both invoked the issue of infiltration in Bihar in their recent speeches to justify the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls carried out by the Election Commission of India in the State.



Foreign prisoners

The "Prison Statistics of India 2023" report, also released on Monday, said that the number of foreigners in the country's prisons had risen from 6,283 in 2022 to 6,956 in 2023, an increase of 10.7%. Among them, 21.5% (1,499 inmates) were convicts, 74.3% (5,167 inmates) undertrials and 0.4% (25 inmates) detenues.

Bangladeshi nationals made up the most number of foreign convicts in Indian jails (59.4%), followed by 13.3% from Nepal, 10.46% from Myanmar, 6.5% from Pakistan, and 3.9% from Nigeria.

Offences against State

The total number of cases pertaining to "offences against the State" declined by 13.1% in 2023 compared with 2022. A total of 4,873 such cases were registered in 2023, compared with 5,610 in 2022.

Of these, 81.9% of cases (3,989) were registered under the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act and 15.4% cases (750) under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

In 2022, the number of cases registered under the UAPA stood at 1,005.

Most of the cases under the UAPA were filed in Uttar Pradesh (224), followed by Jammu and Kashmir (178), Manipur (113), Assam (73), and Jharkhand (36).

Environmental offences

Environment-related offences saw an increase of 30.4% in 2023 with 68,994 cases registered as against 52,920 in 2022. With regard to types of environment-related crimes registered, data revealed that the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) accounted for 85.9% of cases (59,279), followed by the Noise Pollution Acts (State/Central) with 9.6% of cases(6,640).

Over 1.73 lakh killed in road accidents in 2023, 1.6% rise: NCRB

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

More than 1.73 lakh people were killed and 4.47 lakh injured in road accidents across the country in 2023 with nearly 46% of the victims being two-wheeler riders, according to a report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

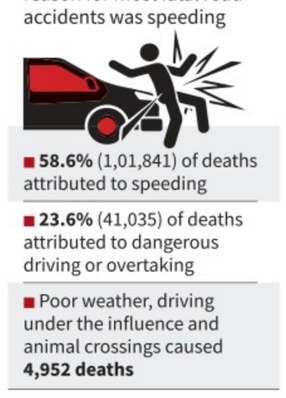
Speeding and careless driving were found to be the two major causes of road accidents.

A total of 4,64,029 road accidents took place in the country in 2023, 17,261 more than in 2022 – with a 1.6% increase in fatalities, from 1,71,100 in 2022 to 1,73,826 in 2023.

The highest number of accidents (20.7% of total) were reported between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Two-wheelers accounted for the highest number of fatal road accidents, causing 79,533 deaths, or 45.8% of total deaths, followed by pedestrians at 27,586 (15.9%) and SUV/car/jeep at 24,776 (14.3%).

Most of the deaths in two-wheeler accidents were reported in Tamil Nadu (11,490) and Uttar Pradesh (8,370). A large number of deaths due to SUV/car/jeep accidents were reported in Uttar Pradesh (19.2% of total) and a large number of deaths due to trucks/lorries/mini truck accidents were also reported in the State (29.9% of total).



The NCRB said cause-wise analysis of fatal road accidents revealed that 58.6% (1,01,841) and 23.6% (41,035) of fatalities were due to speeding and dangerous/careless driving or overtaking, respectively.

Poor weather conditions, driving under influence of drug/alcohol and animal crossing caused 4,952 deaths.

The highest number of deaths were reported on the National Highways accounting for 34.6%, followed by State Highways at 23.4%.

IPS officers appointed as heads of CISF and ITBP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) got new chiefs on Tuesday with senior IPS officers Praveer Ranjan and Praveen Kumar taking charge of the paramilitary forces.

Mr. Ranjan, a 1993-batch IPS officer, assumed charge as Director-General, CISF following the superannuation of R.S. Bhatti. He was serving as Special D-G, CISF. and heading the sensitive Airport Security division prior to this post.

Praveen Kumar, a 1993-batch IPS officer, took charge as Director-General, ITBP, after Rahul Rasgotra retired from service. The ITBP is the primary border guarding force deployed along the India-China frontier.

The Hindu's Gandhi Jayanthi special edition to be out tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

This Gandhi Jayanthi, readers can get a truly special offering from *The Hindu* – the October 2, 1969 edition, which marked the birth centenary of a man often described as the greatest Indian of the modern era, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948).

This also includes a limited edition supplement, a special commemorative edition of *The Hindu* dated October 2, 2003, released for the paper's 125th anniversary, focusing on the Mahatma's life and the newspaper's coverage on him.

"This is, as we noted at the time, a representation of the coverage of an epoch-maker by *The Hindu*, a newspaper of record, from 1896 during his time in South Africa till his death in New Delhi in 1948. We hope you will enjoy reading this collector's edition," said Suresh Nambath, Editor, *The Hindu*.

The archival edition traces Gandhiji's journey from his early years as an attorney and activist in South Africa, through his imprisonment and mass movements such as the Salt Satyagraha and the Quit India Movement, to the moment of India's Independence.

In August this year, to mark Independence Day, *The Hindu* had made available its historic edition of August 15, 1947 as a special edition.

The Mahatma special edition, priced at ₹399, is available through the partner Swiggy. Readers can scan the QR code for the offer.

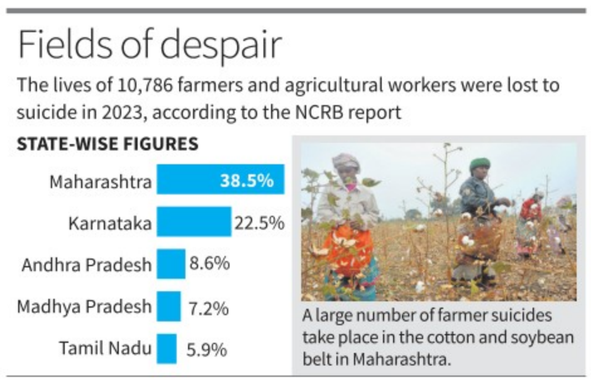
Maharashtra, Karnataka report most number of farmer suicides

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has said in its report that 10,786 farmers and agricultural workers committed suicide in 2023. The most number of cases was from Maharashtra (38.5%), followed by Karnataka (22.5%).

The organisations of farmers blamed the Narendra Modi government's policies for the situation, and said the decision to waive off import duty on cotton would vitiate the situation as most of the suicides were still from the cotton belts of the country.

Of the 10,786 suicides from the farming sector, 4,690 were farmers or cultivators, and 6,096 were agricultural workers. The farm suicides accounted for 6.3% of total suicides (1,71,418 suicides in 2023) in the country.



Out of the 4,690 farmers who committed suicide, 4,553 were male and 137 were female, and out of the 6,096 suicides by farm workers, 5,433 were male and 663 were female.

After Maharashtra and Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh (8.6%), Madhya Pradesh (7.2%), and Tamil Nadu (5.9%) registered the most number of suicides. West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Chandigarh, Delhi, and Lakshadweep reported no suicides from the farm belt.

Commenting on the NCRB data, the president of the All India Kisan Sabha, Ashok Dhawale, said more than 10,000 suicides had been reported from the farm sector in 2021, 2022 and 2023, and it showed the systemic crisis that the Modi government could not grasp or combat.

"This crisis is going to aggravate as a large number of farmer suicides take place in the cotton and soybean belt. Maharashtra has turned out to be the graveyard of farmers. The Marathwada and Vidarbha region are cotton and soybean belts. In spite of this, the Union government is bowing to the pressure to sign Free Trade Agreements, and to U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff terrorism. The government cancelled the 11% import duty on cotton. This means that American cotton is going to come here. Agriculture will be finished by these treaties," Mr. Dhawale said, adding that the NCRB data could not be trusted.

For those in distress, counselling is available at TeleMANAS-14416

Crime against children records 9.2% rise in 2023

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

A total of 1,77,335 cases of crime against children were registered in 2023, showing an increase of 9.2% over the 2022 figure, according to the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report.

The data compiled by the NCRB showed that the crime rate in 2023 stood at 39.9 per 1,00,000 child population in comparison to 36.6 in 2022.

The major crime heads in 2023 were "Kidnapping and abduction of children" (79,884 cases, 45%) and "Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act" (67,694 cases, 38.2%).

Madhya Pradesh topped the list with 22,393 total cases, followed by Maharashtra (22,390) and Uttar Pradesh (18,852).

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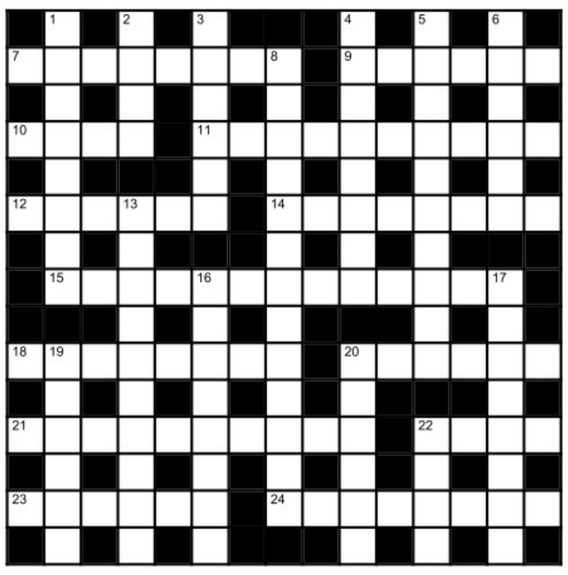

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7 Great fun with one entertained by computer (8)
9 Bored by working, had director repented (6)
10 Maiden painting store (4)
11 Stop indicator in pool lit by Spooner (5,5)
12 Season fertilizer changing Nitrogen's temperature (6)
14 Gen Y girl moving cautiously (8)
15 Hard to comprehend where curlers are placed (5,4,4)
18 Dangerous dacoit gaining time with Republican tyrant (8)
20 In fact, his view's frequently intuitive (6)
21 Work in Lahore or abroad in verbosity (10)
22 Afghan carving a new course (4)
23 Hollow spaces without frame for antenna, say (6)
24 Issued or kept confidential (8)

Down

1 Managed to hold God of death back with an epic saga (8)
2 Primarily nifty, elegant and tasteful! (4)
3 Permanent housing for nags (6)
4 Shows power supported by mature soldiers (8)
5 Propose to build store e.g. outside barren location (4,6)
6 Deadly drug imported by permit with gangster (6)
8 Gosh! Romancing casually in places where folks undress (8,5)
13 Maverick University player turning party animal (10)
16 Restaurants in great Erie street (8)
17 Aficionados in building voted to erect Church (8)
19 Very famous Indian bank abruptly bored by working (6)
20 Trace sister at church touring America (6)
22 Announced petition for game (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Seek Saraswati daily

Every year, devotees worship Saraswati with fervour on the penultimate day of Dasara, seeking Her blessings. Students pray to Her before taking examinations of various kinds. Subsequently, devotees seek the divine grace of Goddess Lakshmi, as they progress in the material world. However, as the great Tamil saying goes, "What one has learnt is a mere fistful; what is yet to be learnt is as vast as the world." With learning becoming a daily necessity in the fast-paced, ever-changing world, it is imperative that one prays to Saraswati at all times, said P. Swaminathan.

Wherever education and wisdom are found, valour and wealth will follow automatically. A learned person is celebrated automatically, wherever he or she goes, underscoring the importance of gaining knowledge. Goddess Saraswati is the one who can completely remove the darkness of ignorance and instil wisdom in a person. Only when we shed the darkness of ignorance can the radiance of wisdom arise within us and we attain goodness.

Referencing Her, the Kanda Purana says Saraswati is present in the tongue of all living beings, but how each one learns from Her determines that person's level of knowledge, wisdom and good conduct. If one arrogates oneself as being the most knowledgeable, She will bring that person down to earth at once.

Commonly visualised as a deity clad in white, seated on a white lotus, holding a veena and a palm scroll, there are very few temples dedicated to Saraswati. One of the rarest ones is located in Kotthanur en route Mayiladuthurai to Tiruvarur. It is believed to have been constructed by Ottakoothar, the Tamil poet under the Chola kings.

WHAT A START!

Amanjot makes a memorable World Cup debut for India

RITU RAJ KONWAR

Amanjot Kaur registered the third highest ODI score by an Indian, batting at No. 8 or lower, on her World Cup debut against Sri Lanka. Her 103-run partnership with Deepti Sharma is the second century stand for India for the seventh wicket or lower in the 50-over format, and only the second instance in the tournament's history.

MIXED FARE

My role changes a fair bit from game to game, reveals McGrath

FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

My role changes a fair bit from game to game, depending on how many overs I might bowl. I sort of joke that I'm basically a spinner at times when I'm a bit slower and just bowl some pace off. I feel I can use my variations to suit different wickets — Australia all-rounder Tahlia McGrath (*left, in pic)*.

THE BIG PICTURE

We love any opportunity we get to play against Australia: Devine

FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

It has been more than eight years since New Zealand defeated Australia in an ODI. "Thanks for that stat. Those stats are there and we're aware of them, but it doesn't matter in World Cups. We love any opportunity we get to play against Australia, which is like our big sister," said Sophie Devine ahead of the meeting.

TAKING GUARD AGAIN

Team India gears up for the Test challenge against the West Indies

VIJAY SONEJI

Indian players, led by Shubman Gill, were put through their paces on Tuesday at the Narendra Modi Stadium ahead of the first Test against West Indies. But Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah and Kuldeep Yadav did not take part in the session. Nitish Reddy appeared to hurt his hand while trying to catch Gill off his own bowling.

Deepti, Amanjot and Sneh sizzle as the Women in Blue make a winning start

The trio helps the co-host overcome a few anxious moments against Sri Lanka; Inoka's four-wicket haul and Chamari's cameo go in vain

ODI WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
GUWAHATI

They came dreaming big, riding high on confidence. But midway through their innings, the Women in Blue were living a nightmare.

Four wickets tumbled within a space of a couple of overs. Sri Lanka was threatening a coup.

The Indians, however, fought back. Deepti Sharma, Amanjot Kaur and Sneh Rana ensured the main host would have enough runs on the board to deny the co-host of an unlikely victory in the opening match of the women's ODI World Cup.

After posting 269 for eight from 47 overs – rain claimed three overs – India bowled Sri Lanka out for 211, to win by 59 runs (DLS method) at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium on Tuesday. For Harmanpreet Kaur's women, it was a significant victory in more ways than one.

They won despite the rare failure of their main batter, Smriti Mandhana, and they showed they have the kind of depth in batting that is required in a campaign as long as the World Cup. The bowling clicked, too.

For the Lankans to pose a serious challenge, their captain Chamari Athapaththu (43, 47b, 4x4, 3x6) needed to play a long innings. She was looking good too, until she was yorked by Deepti.

India's off-spinning all-rounder will remember this game with fondness. The grit she showed with the bat was admirable.

Deepti (53, 53b, 3x4) added 103 for the seventh wicket with Amanjot (57, 56b, 5x4, 1x6) and 42 for the eighth with Sneh (28 n.o., 15b, 2x4, 2x6).

Stars of the show: Amanjot scored a fighting half-century in her maiden World Cup appearance while Deepti followed up her fifty with a three-for, including the key wicket of Chamari. RITU RAJ KONWAR

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
Pratika Rawal c Vishmi b Inoka 37 *(59b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Smriti Mandhana c Vishmi b Udeshika 8 *(10b, 2x4)*, Harleen Deol c Kavisha b Inoka 48 *(64b, 6x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur c Anushka b Inoka 21 *(19b, 2x4)*, Jemimah Rodrigues b Inoka 0 *(1b)*, Deepti Sharma c Sugandika b Achini 53 *(53b, 3x4)*, Richa Ghosh c Udeshika b Chamari 2 *(6b)*, Amanjot Kaur c Vishmi b Udeshika 57 *(56b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Sneh Rana (not out) 28 *(15b, 2x4, 2x6)*; Extras (lb-5, w-9, nb-1): 15; Total (for eight wkts. in 47 overs): 269.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-14 (Smriti, 3.2 overs), 2-81 (Pratika, 19.2), 3-120 (Harleen, 25.1), 4-120 (Jemimah, 25.2) , 5-121 (Harmanpreet, 25.5), 6-124 (Richa, 26.6), 7-227 (Amanjot, 43.3), 8-269 (Deepti, 46.6).

SRI LANKA BOWLING
Achini 8-0-42-1, Udeshika 10-1-55-2, Sugandika 9-0-46-0, Kavisha 8-0-51-0, Inoka 9-0-46-4, Chamari 3-0-24-1.

SRI LANKA
Hasini Perera b Kranti 14 *(20b, 2x4)*, Chamari Athapaththu b Deepti 43 *(47b, 4x4, 3x6)*, Harshitha Samarawickrama lbw b Shree Charani 29 *(45b, 3x4)*, Vishmi Gunaratne lbw b Amanjot 11 *(28b)*, Kavisha Dilhari c Richa b Deepti 15 *(12b, 2x4)*, Nilakshika Silva b Sneh 35 *(29b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Anushka Sanjeewani c Harmanpreet b Deepti 6 *(10b, 1x4)*, Sugandika Kumari b Sneh 10 *(19b)*, Achini Kulasuriya c Smriti b Shree Charani 17 *(31b, 3x4)*, Udeshika Prabodhani (not out) 14 *(26b, 2x4)*, Inoka Ranaweera lbw b Pratika 3 *(8b)*; Extras (lb-4, nb-1, w-9): 14; Total (in 45.4 overs): 211.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-30 (Hasini, 6.4), 2-82 (Chamari, 14.6), 3-103 (Harshitha, 22.3), 4-105 (Vishmi, 23.6), 5-130 (Kavisha, 26.2), 6-140 (Anushka, 28.6), 7-173 (Nilakshika, 34.4), 8-184 (Sugandika, 36.4), 9-199 (Achini, 42.3).

INDIA BOWLING
Kranti 9-0-41-1, Amanjot 6-0-37-1, Sneh 10-0-32-2, Deepti 10-1-54-3, Shree Charani 8-0-37-2, Pratika 2.4-0-6-1.

Toss: Sri Lanka; **PoM:** Deepti.
India won by 59 runs (DLS Method).
India's next match: Oct. 5 vs Pakistan, Colombo, 3 p.m.

It was the maiden ODI fifty for Amanjot. She could not have timed it better, and that too on her World Cup debut.

She batted with confidence, kept the scoreboard ticking, and showed why the team management was so keen for her to rejoin the squad after recovering from injury.

Amanjot was dropped a few times, but she deserved her luck. It took a stunning catch to end her innings, as Vishmi Gunaratne timed her dive to perfection near the deep mid-wicket boundary.

Earlier, Inoka Ranaweera took three wickets in an over to make the Indian dressing room nervous. But Deepti, Amanjot and Sneh calmed those nerves.

White-ball champions to battle it out today

Wednesday's match	Thursday's match
Indore, 3 p.m.	Colombo, 3 p.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD ODIs	**HEAD-TO-HEAD ODIs**
Played: 135	Played: 16
Australia: 102 | New Zealand: 31	Bangladesh: 8
NR 2	Pakistan: 8
IN WORLD CUPS	**IN WORLD CUPS**
Played: 16	Played: 1
Australia: 13 | New Zealand: 3	Bangladesh: 1 | Pakistan: 0

Sankar Narayanan E.H.
INDORE

The Women's ODI World Cup coming to town has amplified the pulsating Navratri festive fervour in Indore as it prepares to host Australia and New Zealand at the Holkar Stadium on Wednesday.

The Women in Yellow arrived in India's cleanest city with an unblemished record in their past 15 ODIs against the White Ferns. In fact, Australia's last defeat against New Zealand in the format came on February 26, 2017.

The seven-time champion, however, has shown signs of weakness of late.

Alyssa Healy & Co. had two batting collapses in their recent losses to India (dismissed for 190 in 40.5 overs in the second ODI) and England (bowled out for 247 in 34.4 overs in the warm-up game).

The famed Aussie bowling attack, too, looked out of sorts for a while in the third ODI against the Women in Blue, conceding 369 while defending its 412.

The T20 World Cup title-holder's path to victory hinges on exposing these chinks in Australia's armour. However, the Aussie women are known to raise their game under pressure, a trait that makes them the favourites in this Trans-Tasman clash.

Sophie Devine & Co.'s lack of quality match practice may not help their cause one bit.

The Kiwis, who last played an ODI more than six months ago, also lost to India-A and India in their warm-up fixtures.

The composition of the spinners in either squad warrants some discussion. Left-arm tweaker Sophie Molineux's return to fitness, with leg-spinners Alana King and Georgia Wareham in the fray, has given the reigning champion a happy headache.

New Zealand's 22-year-old left-armer Flora Devonshire's potential ODI debut is something to look forward to.

Asia Cup triumph the best reply to Pakistan, says Tilak

Press Trust of India
HYDERABAD

Winning the Asia Cup was the "best reply" to an aggressive opposition, middle-order batter Tilak Varma said on Tuesday, revealing that he aced an initial bout of pressure and verbal volleys by Pakistan players en route his match winning knock in the title clash.

Tilak made an unbeaten 69 to guide India to a five-wicket win over the arch-rival in Dubai on Sunday.

"There was some pressure and nerves initially. But I have placed my country ahead of everything else and I wanted to win the match for the country. I knew If I succumbed to the pressure at that time I would be letting down myself and 140 crore people of the country," Tilak said after his arrival from Dubai on Monday night.

Tilak admitted that the Pakistan players resorted to intense sledging during the match, but he preferred to be silent during the chase.

Fiercely motivated: Tilak said his sole focus was to win the final for the country. PTI

"During the match, I was just focusing on my basics, I was not ready to answer them. Whatever I wanted to tell them I told them after the match and not when the game was going on.

"There were a lot of things happening in the middle but I can't reveal all of them. Those things happen in India-Pakistan matches. They are part of the game. Our focus was on winning the match".

Asia Cup: no end to trophy presentation deadlock

Amol Karhadkar
NAGPUR

The impasse over the presentation of the Asia Cup to champion India remained unresolved during the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) board meeting on Tuesday, with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) staging a walkout.

The Hindu understands that the BCCI representatives Rajeev Shukla, vice-president, and former treasurer Ashish Shelar, both of whom joined the meeting virtually, logged out after ACC president Mohsin Naqvi did not propose handing over the trophy to the Indian team. With the walkout, the ACC Board refrained from passing any resolution on the matter.

According to a BCCI insider, the disagreement began right at the start of the meeting. "The ACC chief in his opening address did not congratulate the Indian team for winning the tournament. The BCCI forced him to insert these remarks," said the official.

With Asia Cup in the rearview mirror, India will look to extend dominance over Windies

N. Sudarshan
AHMEDABAD

Barely four days after an Asia Cup marked by geopolitical theatre, provocative actions and distasteful comments ended, India will play the first of two Tests against West Indies at the Narendra Modi Stadium here from Thursday.

Incidentally, the match will commence on the 156th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, one of world's foremost peace merchants, and in the vicinity of the Sabarmati Ashram, which stands as testimony to many a Gandhian ideal.

A game played in line with the spirit of cricket – and of all sport – would thus be a welcome change.

It should help that players will take the field in pristine white, a colour synonymous with tranquility and harmony.

And in cricketing terms, the West Indies has been waving the white flag against India for a significant time now, having lost the previous nine series.

Back in business: Padikkal will be eager to make an impression on his return to the side. VIJAY SONEJI

It last beat India in a Test back in May 2002 in Kingston, Jamaica, and hasn't won a five-day affair in India since Mohali, 1994. In July, Roston Chase's men were also beaten 3-0 at home by Australia, which included a 27-run innings, the second-lowest score in history.

As a host, India has long been insurmountable, but last year's chastening 0-3 reverse to New Zealand – the first series loss in over a decade – caused a big dent. But the well-earned 2-2 draw away in England this summer should hold Shubman Gill & Co. in good stead.

The squad looks familiar to the one that travelled to the Old Blighty, with the notable exceptions being southpaw Devdutt Padikkal replacing Karun Nair and Dhruv Jurel deputising as wicketkeeper for the still-injured Rishabh Pant.

That India means business is evident from the fact that Jasprit Bumrah – whose time in Tests is rationed – is in the squad. The four spinners in Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel and Washington Sundar should be a handful.

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The Windies, in contrast, have lost key fast bowlers in Shamar Joseph and Alzarri Joseph to injuries, and the onus will be on right-armer Jayden Seales.

The two left-arm spinners in Jomel Warrican and the yet-to-debut Khary Pierre will however be keenly watched. In fact, India's practice on Tuesday had a fair sprinkling of left-arm spinners among net bowlers.

Leading into the Test, Ahmedabad has been humid, with occasional spells of rain. Two days from the match, the wicket sported a green look and the practice pitches adjacent to the stadium also seemed full of life.

Whether conditions eventually support spin or pace, West Indies' foremost challenge will be to stay competitive for lengthy periods, especially at a time when there is talk of a two-tiered Test structure and the Caribbeans being relegated to the bottom one. If they can, it will be a story befitting the country's rich cricketing history.

The teams (from):

India: Shubman Gill (Capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, K.L. Rahul, Sai Sudharsan, Devdutt Padikkal, Dhruv Jurel (wk), Ravindra Jadeja, Washington Sundar, Jasprit Bumrah, Axar Patel, Nitish Kumar Reddy, N. Jagadeesan (wk), Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna and Kuldeep Yadav.

West Indies: Roston Chase (Capt.), Jomel Warrican, Kevlon Anderson, Alick Athanaze, John Campbell, Tagenarine Chanderpaul, Justin Greaves, Shai Hope (wk), Tevin Imlach, Johann Layne, Jediah Blades, Brandon King, Anderson Phillip, Khary Pierre and Jayden Seales.

Match starts at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday.

INBRIEF

Sharvaanica bags gold in World cadet championship

India finished with one gold and two bronze medals in the World cadet chess championships held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on Tuesday. A. S. Sharvaanica secured gold in girls' u-10 section while Sabartho Mani (open u-10) and Parihaar Kiyaana (girls' u-10) bagged bronze.

India-A and Australia-A first one-dayer abandoned

The first one-dayer between India-A and Australia-A in Kanpur was abandoned without a ball being bowled on Tuesday. That the teams left the ground much before the official announcement showed that the contest was sealed when the heavens opened up roughly 20 minutes before the toss. The second one-dayer will be played on Friday. Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Arshdeep Singh, and Harshit Rana will feature in the remaining games.

— **Abhishek Saini**

Bowen strike helps West Ham draw against Everton

Nuno Espirito Santo started his West Ham reign with a 1-1 draw against Everton thanks to Jarrod Bowen's second half equaliser on Monday.

The results: Premier League: Everton 1 (Keane 18) drew with West Ham 1 (Bowen 65).
Serie A: Genoa 0 lost to Lazio 3 (Cancellieri 4, Castellanos 30, Zaccagni 63); Parma 2 (Pellegrino 36-pen, 72) bt Torino 1 (Ngonge 50).

Bopanna-Yuzuki pair loses in Tokyo final

Rohan Bopanna and Takeru Suzuki lost 5-7, 5-7 to second seeds Hugo Nys and Edouard Roger-Vasselin in the doubles final of the $2,226,470 ATP tennis tournament in Tokyo on Tuesday.

A good weekend for Emmanuel brothers

Johann Emmanuel won both races in the Superstock 600cc category of the QSTK Championship at the Losail International Circuit, Qatar, held recently. Johann, riding a Kawasaki ZX-6, won both races after having qualified for pole position. Meanwhile, Johann's brother Geoffrey, too, had a good weekend with two third-place finishes in Supersport 600cc class.

BTC Stewards, Committee & Board of Appeal Members elected

The following were elected as Stewards, Committee Members and Board of Appeal Members in the 64th Annual General Meeting of the Bangalore Turf Club Ltd. held in Bengaluru on Monday:

Stewards: K. Uday Eswaran, Shanker Balu, Arvind S. Katarki; **Committee Members:** M.C. Manjunath Urs, K. Shasha Bindu Das; **Board Of Appeal Members:** Y. Jagannath, Satish N. Gowda, Vivek G. Ubhayakar, K. Jayaram and Ranjan Chona.

LIVE TELECAST

WEDNESDAY

New Zealand vs Australia: 1st T20I, Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11.45 a.m.

Women's ODI World Cup: Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 3 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.

Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.15 p.m. ; Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 5 & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

THURSDAY

India vs West Indies: 1st Test, day 1, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.

Women's ODI World Cup: Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 3 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.

Europa League: Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 10.15 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 5 & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Friday)

Conference League: Sony LIV, 10.15 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Friday)

Sumit completes a hat-trick of titles with meet record

Sandip Sargar and Sandeep Chaudhary perform a 1- 2 in F44 javelin while Gurjar disappoints; Yogesh wins silver in discus throw F56; host nation enjoys a productive day with four medals

PARA ATHLETICS

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Sumit Antil knew he would complete his hat-trick of World titles even before the competition began. With a season's best of 72.35m, almost 25 metres more than the personal best of his closest competitor in the F64 javelin throw category, the two-time Paralympic champion and world record holder had only himself to beat on day four of the World Para Athletics here on Tuesday.

Sumit did that with his first throw of 65.59m but having set off with a target of 75m, had to settle for a new championship record (CR) with a best of 71.37m in his final throw, still 22m clear of the next best despite a sore neck and shoulder that he kept stretching and massaging after every attempt.

"I woke up with neck and shoulder pain two days ago and I am thankful to my physio that I could even participate today. It got worse during warm-up so given the circumstances, I am satisfied with at least a CR," Sumit said.

He was one of the four medallists on the most productive day for India so far in the competition including two golds.

In the F44 javelin category, Sandip Sargar and Sandeep Chaudhary completed a 1- 2, the former winning his first World Championship medal with a personal best-equalling 62.67m and the latter his second after the gold in 2019 (62.82m). World record holder Mahendra Gurjar, however, finished a disappointing seventh.

In the morning session, Yogesh Kathuniya threw 42.49m for silver in the discus throw F56, finishing behind Brazil's five-time champion Claudine Batista – a repeat of their results from the past two editions.

"I wanted to do my best in front of my family and friends, which I did so I am happy," Yogesh said.

Reign continues: Sumit won the gold medal despite being troubled by a sore neck and shoulder.
SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The results: Men: 100m T13: Shuta Kawakami (Jpn, 10.91s); **100m T44:** Naif Almasrahi (KSA, 10.94s); **100m T64:** Felix Streng (Ger, 10.73s); **100m T72:** Carlo Calcagni (Ita, 14.80m); **200m T35:** David Dzhatiev (NPA, 23.01s); **200m T37:** Ricardo Mendonca (Bra, 22.77s); **400m T11:** Guillaume Atangana (RPT, 51.95s); **400m T20:** David Mejia (Esp, 47.12s); **400m T54:** Yassine Gharbi (Tun, 44.96s); **1500m T13:** Joel Gomez (USA, 3:57.71); **1500m T11:** Yeltsin Jacques (Bra, 4:02.02); **Discus Throw F56:** Claudine Batista (Bra, 45.67m), Yogesh Kathuniya (42.49m); **Shot Put F41:** Niko Kappel (Ger, 13.34m); **Shot Put F11:** Amirhossein Darbeid (Iri, 14.59m), Sagar (7th, 11.74m), Monu Ghangas (10th, 10.87m); **Long Jump T12:** Fernando Vazquez (Arg, 7.01m), Vishu (6th, 6.24m); **Javelin Throw F44:** Sandip Sargar (62.82m), Sandeep Chaudhary (62.67m), Pushpendra Singh (4th, 61.94m), Mahendra Gurjar (7th, 57.84m); **Javelin Throw F64:** Sumit Antil (71.37m), Pardeep Kumar (5th, 42.72m).

Women: 100m T72: Magdalena Andruszkiewicz (Pol, 16.82m); **100m T36:** Danielle Aitchison (Nzl, 13.43s); **200m T13:** Orla Comerford (Irl, 24.71s); **Shot Put F54:** Gloria Zarza (Mex, 7.97m), Keerthika Jayachandran (6th, 6.25m); **Shot Put F34:** Lijuan Zou (Chn, 9.15m), Bhagyashri Jadhav (6th, 7.67m); **Club Throw F32:** Roza Kozakowska (Pol, 29.30m); **Long Jump T63:** Vanessa Low (Aus, 5.49m).

Rishab pulls off a surprise in javelin

ATHLETICS

Y.B. Sarangi
RANCHI

Rishab Nehra sprung a surprise to record his personal best of 80.12m and claim the men's javelin crown in a competitive field on the concluding day of the National Open athletics championships at the Birsa Munda Stadium, Morabadi, on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old Rishab, who had a previous best of 77.38m in 2022 and a season best of 72.29m, managed 72.26m and 76.19m in his first two attempts before hurling the spear high and far to join the elite 80m club. It helped him go past leader Shivam Lohakare's 76.58m and corner glory.

The promising Lohakare, nursing dodgy and painful ankles, registered 77.65m in his third effort to take the bronze behind Uttam Patil (78.01m).

Yashvir Singh (77.66m), who participated in the Tokyo World championships, and Sahil Silwal (76.94m) finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Asian bronze medallist Pooja Olla, who marked her personal best (2:01.03) in Tokyo, comfortably won the women's 800m gold with 2:03.16 despite a late challenge from Lili Das (2:04.15).

Ankita Dhyani, another Worlds participant, ran a lonely race to the women's 3,000m steeplechase title (10:01.74).

K.A. Anamika (5629) achieved a personal best to win her maiden heptathlon gold. Manikanta Hoblidhar (100m) and Pooja (800m) were adjudged the best athletes in men's and women's sections, respectively.

Cornering glory: Rishab produced a personal best of 80.12m. AFI MEDIA

The Railways men, comprising Kaven S.K., Theerthesh Shetty, Vikrant Panchal and Rajesh Ramesh, set a new meet record (3:06.35) in 4x400m relay.

The results: (winners only): Men: 200m: Sandeep Singh (SSCB) 20.95; **800m:** Prakash Gadade (SSCB) 1:50.01; **10,000m:** Prince Kumar (AIP) 30:25.15; **400m hurdles:** Ruchit Mori (Guj) 50.47; **3,000m steeplechase:** Vikram Singh (SSCB) 8:38.91; **4x400m relay:** Railways 3:06.35 (NMR, Old 3:06.63, Services, 2015); **Triple jump:** Dinesh V. (TN) 16.27m; **Javelin:** Rishab Nehra (UP) 80.12m.
Women: 200m: Sakshi Chavan (Guj) 23.78; **800m:** Pooja (Rlys) 2:03.16; **400m hurdles:** Olimba Steffi (Rlys) 58.93; **10,000m:** Ravina Gayakwad (Mah) 35:30.16; **3,000m steeplechase:** Ankita Dhyani (Rlys) 10:01.74; **4x400m relay:** Railways 3:39.28; **Long jump:** Bhavani Yadav Bhagav (Rlys) 6.13m; **Hammer:** Tanya Chaudhary (UP) 60.83m; **Heptathlon:** K.A. Anamika 5629.
Team championships: Men: Services; **Women:** Railways; **Overall:** Railways.

SNAPSHOTS

Deepesh stars as Australia U-19 folds up for 243

BRISBANE: Seamer Deepesh Devendran impressed with a five-wicket haul to help India Under-19 bowl out Australia Under-19 for 243 and take the honours on the opening day of the first Youth 'Test' on Tuesday.
The scores: Australia U-19 243 in 91.2 overs (Hogan 92, Hollick 38, Kishan Kumar 3/48, Deepesh 5/45) vs India U-19. **Toss:** Australia U-19.

Historic T20I series win for Nepal against struggling West Indies

SHARJAH: Nepal produced a stunning performance to bowl the West Indies out for just 83 in the second T20I in Sharjah on Monday and claim a 2-0 victory in its first-ever series against a Test-playing country with a game to spare.
The scores: Nepal 173/6 in 20 overs (Aasif Sheikh 68 n.o, Sundeep Jora 63) bt West Indies 83 in 17.1 overs (Mohd. Aadil Alam 4/24). **PoM:** Sheikh.

Qualifier Divya ousts third seed Pooja

NEW DELHI: Qualifier Divya Bhardwaj knocked out third seed Pooja Ingale 6-3, 6-4 in the women's first round of the Fenesta National tennis on Tuesday.
The results: Women (first round): Aakruti Sonkusare bt Prathyusha Rachapudi 6-1, 6-3; Yubrani Banerjee bt Nemha Sarah Kispotta 6-2, 6-3; Sonal Patil bt Diva Bhatia 6-2, 6-2; Divya Bhardwaj bt Pooja Ingale 6-3, 6-4; Akanksha Nitture bt Paavanii Paathak 6-0, 6-0.

Iniyan and Goutham join Sasikiran at the top

GUNTUR: K. Sasikiran managed to eke out a draw against Ayush Sharma in the ninth round on a day of upsets to share the lead with two others in the 62nd National chess on Tuesday. Sasikiran of PSPB was joined in the lead by fellow Tamil Nadu player Pa. Iniyan and H. Goutham Krishna of Kerala, on 7.5 points. While Iniyan defeated J. Deepan Chakkravarthy, Goutham shocked Abhijeet Gupta.
Important results: Ninth round: K. Sasikiran (7.5) drew with Ayush Sharma (RSPB, 7), Abhijeet Gupta (7) lost to Goutham Krishna (7.5), Pa. Iniyan bt Deepak Chakkravarthy (6.5), Aronyak Ghosh (RSPB, 7) drew with Aaditya Dhingra (HR, 7), Ritviz Parab (Goa, 7) bt Surya Shekhar Ganguly (6), S.P. Sethuraman 6) bt Manish Anto Cristiano (7), Deep Sengupta (PSPB, 6.5) drew with Rajesh Nayak (OR, 6.5), Viani Antonio Dcunha (Kar, 7) bt Ajay Santhosh Parvathreddy (UP, 6).

Telugu Titans puts it across Patna Pirates

CHENNAI: Telugu Titans registered a 37-28 win over Patna Pirates in a PKL-12 match in Chennai on Tuesday, riding on a brilliant performance from Vijay Malik.

State Man claims the upper division of the Beloved Prince Plate

HYDERABAD: Trainer Magan Singh's ward State Man, ridden by Mukesh Kumar, claimed the upper division of the Beloved Prince Plate, the main event of Tuesday's (Sept. 30) races.
Apprentice jockey Sonu Kumar stole the limelight by scoring a grand treble.
1. STAR OF GWALIOR PLATE (1,200M): FORTUNE ART (A. Ashad Asbar) 1, Flashing Memories (Nakhat) 2, Torrentina (H.M. Akshay) 3 and Grey Sky (Md. Ekram) 4. 5-1/2, 1/2 and Dist. 1m, 15.76s. ₹14 (w), 10, 31 and 19 (p). SHP: 40, THP: 45, FP: 76, Q: 47, Tanala: 124. Favourite: Fortune Art.
Owner: Mr. G.V. Reddy. Trainer: G. Sandeep.
2. BELOVED PRINCE PLATE (DIV. I) (1,400M): STATE MAN (Mukesh Kumar) 1, Arizona Sun (P. Ajeeth K) 2, Gusto's Baby (Afroz K) 3 and La Fleuriere (Trevor) 4. Not run: Rate Of Interest. 4-1/2, 2 and 2. 1m, 25.86s. ₹27 (w), 11, 19 and 18 (p). SHP: 56, THP: 38, FP: 255, Q: 160, Tanala: 851. Favourite: La Fleuriere.
Owner: Mr. K. Ram Gopal Rao. Trainer: Magan Singh.
3. LAND OF GLORY PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200M): COLT PISTOL (Sonu Kumar) 1, Cosmico (Mukesh K) 2, Shubhrak (Surya Prakash) 3 and Trust Me (P. Ajeeth K) 4. 2, Nose and 2. 1m, 14.93s. ₹31 (w), 18, 14 and 47 (p). SHP: 28, THP: 111, FP: 86, Q: 57, Tanala: 687. Favourite: Eminency.
Owner: Mr. Maddali Sai Kumar. Trainer: G. Shashikanth.
4. BELOVED PRINCE PLATE (DIV. II) (1,400M): BESTIE (Akshay Kumar) 1, Sharanga (Trevor) 2, Konaseema (P. Ajeeth K) 3 and Moonlite Rose (Afroz K) 4. 2-3/4, 2 and 4-1/4. 1m, 26.50s. ₹18 (w), 10, 10 and 10 (p). SHP: 24, THP: 34, FP: 29, Q: 17, Tanala: 75. Favourite: Sharanga.
Owners: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.
5. LAND OF GLORY PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200M): TOP IN CLASS (Akshay Kumar) 1, Swiss Girl (Mukesh K) 2, Smart Boy (Md. Ismail) 3 and Golden Inzio (Kuldeep Sr.) 4. 1/2, 6-3/4 and 2. 1m, 14.47s. ₹18 (w), 10, 19 and 36 (p). SHP: 50, THP: 85, FP: 67, Q: 33, Tanala: 625. Favourite: Top In Class.
Owners: M/s. Satyanarayana Reddy Pannala, Mirza Ayub Baig, M. Sudheer Reddy & Mohammed Abdul Wajid Khan. Trainer: S.S.F. Hassan.
6. BE MY GUEST PLATE (1,200M): GLORIOUS POWER (Sonu Kumar) 1, Exclusive Black (I. Chisty) 2, Clara (Ashad Asbar) 3 and Crimson Flame (Akshay K) 4. 3, Neck and 2-1/4. 1m, 13.29s. ₹71 (w), 18, 11 and 12 (p). SHP: 65, THP: 50, FP: 261, Q: 106, Tanala: 1,653. Favourite: Exclusive Black.
Owners: Mr. L.D'Silva & Mr. Vazhaparmbil John Joseph. Trainer: L.D'Silva.
7. LAND OF GLORY PLATE (DIV.III) (1,200M): BLUE PANTHERESS (Sonu Kumar) 1, Inderdhanush (P. Sai K) 2, Lights On (Nakhat) 3 and Briar Ridge (B. Nikhil) 4. 5, 3/4 and 1. 1m, 13.94s. ₹34 (w), 17, 10 and 24 (p). SHP: 34, THP: 93, FP: 237, Q: 102, Tanala: 1, 814. Favourite: Briar Ridge.
Owner: Mr. Maddali Sai Kumar. Trainer: G. Shashikanth.
Jackpot: 70%: ₹2, 725 (185 tkts.), 30%: 350 (616 tkts.).
Mini Jackpot: (i) 433 (68 tkts.), (ii) 1, 231 (63 tkts.).
Treble: (i) 203 (145 tkts.), (ii) 672 (56 tkts.).

Will the Asia Cup trophy and medals be couriered to the Indian team?

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

The physics Nobel laureate Richard Feynman famously said, "If you are not completely confused by quantum mechanics, you do not understand it."

You could say the same about Indo-Pak cricket too. Did India carry away an imaginary trophy from an imaginary tournament where Tilak Varma made a brilliant imaginary half-century? Will Operation Sindoor continue with the women's World Cup (India play Pakistan in Colombo on Sunday)? Will skipper Harmanpreet Kaur also be co-opted in the war effort and be expected to donate her match fees to the army like Suryakumar Yadav did?

If India ever lose to Pakistan in any sport anywhere at any time again, will it mean a setback to Operation Sindoor which seems to be an on-going war unlikely to earn President Trump even an imaginary Nobel Prize?

Should Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, told he would not be welcome as a trophy-giver, have respected his other hat as the President of the Asian Cricket Council and stood aside, allowing someone else to do the honours?

Or could he have left the trophy on a plinth at a safe distance from himself so Suryakumar could have picked it up on his own?

Couldn't this whole thing have been worked out before the final so it would not cause such ill-will and make Asian cricket a laughing stock?

Will the trophy and medals be couriered to the Indian team?

Did India insult Naqvi, Pakistan, skipper Salman Ali Agha, the game of cricket, sport in general, mankind, some of the above, or none of the above?

Did Pakistan insult India, politicians, Donald Trump (who claimed to have ended the war but couldn't help Pakistan win the Asia Cup), cricket, some of the above, or none of the above?

Do we believe Suryakumar when he says the team had decided not to take the trophy and that "no one told us to do it", especially when the cricket board secretary has said the same thing? Who is supporting whom?

Can Suryakumar or any Indian player contracted to the cricket board afford to have a voice of their own?

Is it possible that the crowd was better behaved than the players, even if the strings were being pulled elsewhere?

Should that mildest of fast bowlers and gentlest of men Jasprit Bumrah have imitated the plane-crash gesture of Pakistan's Haris Rauf when he yorked him?

Should the Indian Prime Minister have equated a victory on a sports field where only egos are damaged, pride is injured and Trophy hopes killed with one in a war with real casualties and dire consequences?

Should India have left the on-field annoyances on the field, and shown themselves to be the bigger team, better on and off the field, too big to bother about whether the trophy was awarded by the Interior Minister of Pakistan or Mickey Mouse?

If Pakistan win any International Cricket Council tournament anywhere, will they refuse to receive the trophy from the President of the ICC because his father is the Home Minister of India?

Do we tell ourselves that proxy wars on the cricket field are preferable to real wars (a point this column made last week), and take consolation from that?

Should we continue to play Pakistan knowing that since the players have been co-opted into the nationalistic cause by both sides, cricket will never be the focus?

How can the honour of a country be tied to performance in a sporting event?

How much greater will the pressure be on the Indian players next time they step onto a cricket field (and not just against Pakistan) when losing might be seen as anti-national?

Can we accept that patriots lose cricket matches too? With so much riding on the game, is it possible for AI to manipulate the telecast where the result in one country is different from the result in another, so honour is maintained?

Next time will both teams carry their own Board-approved trophy-giver (or their holograms)? Like the captains had their own interviewers at the toss?

Does any of the above really matter?

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Stage set for a hard-fought contest between familiar foes

With the increasing overlap of players across domestic, India-A, and IPL squads, the lines between teammates and opponents have blurred in recent years; Ranji Trophy champion Vidarbha will rely on its younger brigade to shine

IRANI CUP

Amol Karhadkar
NAGPUR

Engrossing duel: Captains Wadkar and Patidar will look to outwit each other in both tactics and skill. PTI

Akshay Wadkar and five of his Vidarbha teammates were part of the Central Zone squad, led by Rajat Patidar, that lifted the Duleep Trophy two weeks ago. Since Monday, Wadkar and Patidar have been preparing at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Jamtha on the outskirts of Nagpur to lead rival sides in the Irani Cup.

The clash between Vidarbha – reigning Ranji Trophy champion – and the Rest of India, captained by Patidar, is shaping up as a contest between familiar opponents. With the increasing overlap of players across domestic, India-A, and IPL squads, the lines between teammates and opponents have blurred in recent years.

This time, however, the familiarity is deeper, adding intrigue to the battle. Starting Wednesday, weather permitting, Wadkar and Patidar will look to outwit each other with both tactics and skill.

For the Rest of India, several players will view this game as an audition in front of the national selectors.

Fast bowler Akash Deep is set for his first competitive outing since breaking down during the demanding England tour. Abhimanyu Easwaran, having warmed the bench in the same series, will be eager to convert this opportunity into runs. Ruturaj Gaikwad, recovering from a mild fever that kept him away from Tuesday's training, will hope for a statement knock, while Ishan Kishan will be keen to reassert his presence.

Vidarbha, meanwhile, will rely on its younger brigade to shine. Yash Rathod, who carried his Ranji form into the Duleep Trophy with ease, and left-arm all-rounder Harsh Dubey will both aim to impress the India-A selectors.

Danish Malewar, one of last season's brightest finds, will look to continue his smooth rise on a bigger stage.

The absence of Karun Nair, who has returned to Karnataka after three strong seasons, leaves Vidarbha with a selection puzzle. Whether they opt for Aman Mokhade as a specialist batter or turn to the versatility of Akshay Karnewar could prove crucial in balancing the side.

The stage is set for a hard-fought contest, where reputations will be tested and future opportunities could be shaped.

The teams (from):

Vidarbha: Akshay Wadkar (Capt. & wk), Atharva Taide, Danish Malewar, Shivam Deshmukh, Yash Kadam, Yash Rathod (vice-capt.), Harsh Dubey, Aman Mokhade, Akshay Karnewar, Darshan Nalkande, Aditya Thakare, Dhruv Shorey, Nachiket Bhute, Parth Rekhade, Yash Thakur, Praful Hinge.

Rest of India: Rajat Patidar (Capt.), Abhimanyu Easwaran, Aryan Juyal (wk), Ruturaj Gaikwad (vice-capt.), Yash Dhull, Shaik Rasheed, Ishan Kishan (wk), Tanush Kotian, Manav Suthar, Gurnoor Brar, Khaleel Ahmed, Akash Deep, Anshul Kamboj, Saransh Jain.

Srihari wins his fifth medal, Rohit claims silver in 50m butterfly

ASIAN AQUATICS

Press Trust of India
AHMEDABAD

Star Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj once again stood tall, bagging a bronze in the 100m freestyle to extend his personal haul to five medals at the 11th Asian aquatics championships here on Tuesday.

Also making his mark was Rohit B. Benedicton, who claimed a silver in men's 50m butterfly and took India's medal tally to nine.

Smart move

Drawn in lane five, Srihari paced his race smartly.

The Indian swimmer turned third at the 50m mark with China's Haoyu Wang (49.19) and Qatar's Ali Tamer Hassan (49.46) ahead of him while Akash Mani (50.45) was close on his heels. In the second lap, Srihari maintained his rhythm to hold off the chasing pack and secure a bronze in 49.96s.

Good season

"The training has been going really well and I have had a good season this year. I was fast in the heats and with the way my training has been going, I thought I'd be faster here.

"But the others swam a brilliant race as well and I'm just glad I got my hand on the wall to be on the podium," Srihari said after the race.

"The energy is amazing. Usually in swimming, you can't hear anything while racing, but in the last 50m of the relay on Monday, I don't know who it was, I could hear people screaming and cheering us the whole time. A great feeling," he added.

In men's 50m butterfly, Rohit started well and went on the clinch the silver medal with a time of 23.89, finishing close behind Kazakhstan's Adilbek Mussin (23.74).

Faltering

Meanwhile, Dhinidhi Desinghu and Shashidhara Rujula booked their places in the women's 100m freestyle final but could not break through the top half of the field, finishing sixth and eighth respectively.

Vinay wins trap bronze; Indian pairs make it a 1-2 in mixed air rifle

SHOOTING

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

Bull's eye: Mixed air rifle gold medallists Isha and Himanshu. ISSF

Vinay Pratap Chandrawat fought his way to the trap bronze, even as the Indian mixed air rifle teams clinched the gold and silver, in the Junior World Cup on Tuesday.

The 20-year-old Vinay first topped the shoot-off when five competed for the last three spots in the final, on being tied at 118 in qualification. In fact, Vinay shot a perfect fifth round of 25 to stay in the reckoning for the final.

After having missed four of the first 15 in the final, Vinay was at his best, as he missed only two hits over the next 25 birds to secure the bronze ahead of compatriot Arjun.

Toni Gudelj of Croatia beat Isaac Hernandez of Spain 44-41 for the gold.

In women's trap, Sabeera Haris shot 112 and lost the shoot-off for the last berth in the final to Lucy Myers of USA.

In mixed air rifle, Isha Taksale and Himanshu pipped qualification toppers Shambhavi Kshirsagar and Naraen Pranav by 0.2 point for the gold, after the two teams were tied at 15-15. It was the second gold for Himanshu as he had won the individual air rifle event on Monday.

India was on top of the medals table with seven gold, nine silver and seven bronze. Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN) was second with four gold, two silver and four bronze. Italy was third with two gold and two silver, while Croatia and Czechia were joint fourth with a gold medal each. The World Cup will conclude with the junior women's sports pistol and mixed trap events on Wednesday.

The results: Air rifle:

Mixed team: 1. India-2 (Isha Taksale, Himanshu) 17 (632.6); 2. India (Shambhavi Kshirsagar, Naraen Pranav) 15 (634.3); 3. AIN-2 (Varvara Kardakova, Kamil Nuriakhmetov) 17 (625.3); 4. AIN (Mariia Kruglova, Timofei Alinikov) 9 (624.9).

Trap: Junior men: 1. Toni Gudelj (Cro) 44 (120); 2. Isaac Hernandez (Esp) 41 (120); 3. Vinay Pratap Chandrawat 34 (118); 4. Arjun 29 (118); 13. Arya Vansh Tyagi 116; 17. Udhav Rathore 115; 30. Aman Chauhan 109.

Junior women: 1. Lea Kucerova (Cze) 41 (112); 2. Sofia Gori (Ita) 37 (117); 3. Kseniia Samofalova (AIN) 30 (117); 7. Sabeera Haris 112; 8. Tanisska Kumar 111; 9. Addya Katyal 111; 15. Shreshtha Sisodiya 106; 17. Bhavya Tripathi 104.

CM announces additional ₹8,500 per ha other than NDRF relief for farmers

He says over 9.6 lakh hectares of crops have been damaged across the State, of which 9.03 lakh hectares are in eight northern districts

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during an aerial survey of the areas affected by the Bhima floods in Kalaburagi and Vijayapura districts on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

After an aerial survey of flood-hit areas in Kalyana Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday announced that the State government would provide an additional ₹8,500 per hectare over and above the Union government's crop loss compensation under NDRF norms, across all three crop categories – rainfed, irrigated, and perennial.

He made the announcement at a media conference in Kalaburagi after an aerial survey of Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Bidar, and Yadgir districts and chairing a review meeting.

"As per NDRF norms, rainfed, irrigated, and perennial crops are entitled to ₹8,500, ₹17,000, and ₹22,500 per hectare, respectively. The State government will add ₹8,500 across the board, raising compensation to ₹17,000 for rainfed, ₹25,500 for irrigated, and ₹31,000 for perennial crops," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

Extent of damage

The Chief Minister said that over 9.6 lakh hectares of crops have been damaged across the State, of which 9.03 lakh hectares were in just eight northern districts of Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Yadgir, Bidar, Bagalkot, Belagavi, Raichur, and Gadag, accounting for 95% of the State's total loss.

"As per preliminary estimates, nearly 10 lakh hectares of standing crops have been affected. But we have managed to survey only about 50% so far. With fields still waterlogged and soil too wet, the final figures may go up once the water recedes," he said.

The flooding has claimed 52 lives and 422 heads of cattle, apart from fully damaging 547 houses. "We have already released compensation for human casualties. Relief for 407 cattle deaths has also been paid. In all, 80 relief centres have been set up, housing more than 10,500 people," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

Excess rainfall

Between June 1 and September 29 this year, Karnataka recorded 879 mm of rainfall - 4% above normal. But the surge was much higher in northern districts: Vijayapura 615 mm (+58%), Kalaburagi 768 mm (+34%), Yadgir 659 mm (+29%), and Bidar 750 mm (+16%).

"This year, North Karnataka has seen rainfall levels not witnessed in many years. Coupled with the massive inflow from Maharashtra's reservoirs, it has created one of the worst flood disasters in recent memory," he observed.

Stressing the Centre's role in disaster response, he said his government would submit a memorandum seeking additional funds.

"I will send a delegation to meet the Prime Minister and Union Ministers of Home, Finance and Agriculture to demand more funds for flood relief," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

Aerial survey

Earlier in the day, the Chief Minister, accompanied by Ministers M.B. Patil, Krishna Byre Gowda, and Priyank Kharge, undertook the aerial survey of flood-affected areas.

The first round focused on villages in Kalaburagi and Vijayapura, followed by Bidar and Yadgir in the second.

After the aerial inspection, the Chief Minister held a detailed review with elected representatives and senior officers.

He noted that crop losses had occurred in two phases - in August and later in September - and insisted on a single-phase compensation drive.

BJP terms aerial survey a photo shoot

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

R. Ashok

Terming Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's aerial survey of flood-hit areas in Kalyana Karnataka as merely a "photo shoot," the BJP on Tuesday demanded a special package of ₹10,000 crore for relief and rehabilitation of this flood-ravaged region.

Speaking to presspersons in Bengaluru, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok demanded that the government immediately provide emergency relief.

"It is good that the government has finally woken up. But for the people suffering, the aerial survey is nothing but a photo shoot. What they desperately need is real relief," Mr. Ashok said, while arguing that at least ₹50,000 should be given to each of the affected families.

The government should have already announced how much relief would be given for crop loss and damage to houses. But so far, the government has not issued any order, he pointed out, while blaming the "empty treasury" for it.

"The Chief Minister should have have called a meeting of officials and appointed nodal officers. He should have set up a system to monitor if food is being properly provided in rehabilitation centres," he argued.

He said the Chief Minister undertook the aerial survey as all roads have potholes and people are blocking the roads in protest against delay in relief measures.

Three new judges of HC assume office

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Justice of the High Court Vibhu Bakhru administered the oath to them

Three newly appointed additional judges, who were elevated to the High Court of Karnataka from the post of district judges, took the oath of office on Tuesday.

Chief Justice of the High Court Vibhu Bakhru administered the oath to Justices Geetha Kadaba Bharataraja Setty, Borkatte Muralidhara Pai, and Tyagaraja Narayan Inavally.

Born on April 22, 1966, in Shivamogga, Justice Setty, practised law till she was selected to the judicial services as a civil judge in 1997.

She had served as principal district and sessions judge in Davangere, Tumakuru, Chitradurga, and Bengaluru Rural districts before her elevation to the High Court.

A native of Borkatte in Karkala taluk, Udupi district, Justice Pai was born on December 31, 1966, and had practised as an advocate in Bengaluru before joining the judicial service as a civil judge in 1997. Besides serving as principal district and sessions judge in Mangaluru, Belagavi, and Bengaluru city, he had also served as Registrar-General of the High Court earlier.

Born on September 9, 1967, Justice Inavally hails from Pavur village of Mangaluru taluk in Dakshina Kannada district. He practised as an advocate till he joined the judicial service as a civil judge in 1997.

He had also served as judge of the special court for CBI cases and the special court of sessions for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs. Besides, he had served as principal district and sessions judge in Raichur, Hassan, Belagavi, and Bengaluru Rural districts.

HC refuses to vacate order staying rule capping cinema ticket price

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court on Tuesday directed the Multiplex Association to maintain accounts of the amount collected on sale of every ticket in all multiplexes. SUDHAKARA JAIN

While declining to interfere with a single judge's September 23 interim order of staying the new rule capping the cinema ticket price at ₹200 (excluding GST), the High Court on Tuesday directed the Multiplex Association to maintain accounts of the amount collected on sale of every ticket in all multiplexes.

A vacation Division Bench comprising Justice Suraj Govindaraj and Justice Rajesh Rai K. passed the interim order on an appeal filed by the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce and others, challenging the stay of the amendment made to the Karnataka Cinema (Regulation) Rules with effect from September 12 capping ticket price at ₹200 except in multiple-screen cinemas with premium facilities of 75 seats or less.

The Bench said that the association has to submit to the licensing authority under the Karnataka Cinema (Regulation) Act, 1964, the accounts every month till the disposal of the petition, filed by the association challenging the amended rules, by the single judge.

If the amended rule is upheld by the court, the amount collected in addition to the ₹200 cap will be refunded to the purchasers of the ticket through the same electronic mode, the Bench said, while asking the association to ensure that this order is communicated to the cinema-goers through notice boards, ticket booking portals, and displaying it on screens for at least 30 seconds in English and the regional language before commencement of the movie.

Stating that an external chartered accountant will have to audit such statement of accounts and if any of the multiplexes failed to submit statement of accounts, the benefit of the interim order of stay would be revoked against it and the cap on ticket price would be applicable as per the new rules.

The single judge had said that "prima facie, there appears no provision specifically providing for or enabling regulation of ticket price in the Act of 1964... and there are serious doubt about whether scheme of Act provides for regulation of ticket price and in its absence whether ticket price could be validly regulated by framing Rules."

HC disposes of IPS officer's plea

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday disposed of a petition filed by IPS officer J. Arun Chakravarthy, who had challenged the Central Administrative Tribunal's stay of a government order (GO) of September 12 promoting him to the cadre of Director-General of Police (DGP).

A vacation Division Bench comprising Justice Sursaj Govindaraj and Justice Rajesh Rai K. passed the order after the advocate representing IPS officer Alok Kumar, who had questioned the GO, said that Mr. Kumar had no objection to Mr. Chakravarthy continuing as Chairman and Managing Director of the Karnataka State Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation, but the issue of promotion granted to him ahead of Mr. Kumar would have to be decided by the tribunal.

Mr. Chakravarthy had expressed apprehension that his posting as the MD of the corporation could be disturbed in view of the stay by the CAT as the impunged GO not merely promoted him to the cadre of DGP from the cadre of Additional DGP but it had also appointed him as MD of the corporation.

The Bench disposed of Mr. Chakravarthy's petition as he had no other grievances against the CAT's order in view of submissions made on behalf of Mr. Kumar.

Mr. Kumar had questioned before the CAT the promotion given to Mr. Chakravarthy and another IPS officer Umesh Kumar by ignoring him, who is senior to both of them. The government had not considered Mr. Kumar for the promotion due to pendency of a fresh disciplinary inquiry against him.

Mr. Kumar's claim is that he could not have been kept out of consideration for promotion as the disciplinary proceedings were stayed by the tribunal during May.

HelpAge India launches 'AdvantAge60' campaign

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

C.R. Chandrashekar, Padma Shri awardee and founder of Samadhana, during an event on International Day of Older Persons in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

HelpAge India, a NGO working for the cause of senior citizens, on Tuesday launched its new campaign 'AdvantAge60: Powering Aspirations - Active, Enabled and Empowered' to mark International Day of Older Persons 2025.

The initiative seeks to challenge stereotypes around ageing and highlight how life after 60 can be a stage of active engagement, contribution, and fulfilment.

A 2022 HelpAge India report revealed that 40% of elders feel able and want to continue contributing and working in their later years and want to be employed for "as long as possible".

A research study earlier this year by the organisation on understanding perceptions on ageing, stated that most youth today perceive elders as being 'dependent' (48%), but on the other hand also 'wise' (51%) and 'respected' (43%).

The campaign was formally unveiled at an event in Bengaluru, which was attended by Padma Shri awardee C.R. Chandrashekar, founder of Samadhana and retired senior professor of psychiatry, NIMHANS; Nataraja S., Joint Director, Department of Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, and Indira Jai Prakash, professor of psychology and gerontologist, Bangalore University.

The event also honoured AdvantAge achievers who continue to lead purposeful lives and inspire active ageing.

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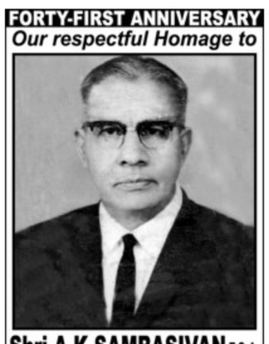

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Suresh Gopi sparks row with remark on election malpractice

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Suresh Gopi

Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Suresh Gopi courted controversy on Tuesday by stating that those "elected by corpses" were "swindling the people of Kerala".

Participating in a neighbourhood town hall meeting in Thrissur as part of his *Kalingu Samvadam*, Mr. Gopi said "cadavers dead for 25 years" had voted in elections in the State. "You [the media] have reported the matter," he said.

Mr. Gopi noted that he did not win from Thiruvananthapuram or Palakkad where the BJP had sizeable pockets of influence. "I won in Thrissur by God's grace. I am so emotional when I say this. My heart is beating hard, and I am struggling to hold back tears," he added.

In a rather grievance-laden speech, Mr. Gopi said he was the "victim" of a political witch-hunt and vilification campaign.

Mr. Gopi said the latest allegation as "falsehood", denying the claim that he had recommended Tamil Nadu for setting up an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), a project coveted by Kerala, if the State government did not lobby the Centre for its establishment in Alappuzha or, alternatively, in Thrissur.

Mr. Gopi said the Kerala government lacked the jurisdiction to insist that the Centre should sanction the AIIMS on the land it had earmarked at Kinalur in Kozhikode.

'Will quit politics'

"I will resign as Minister and quit politics if these liars can prove that I lobbied for Tamil Nadu regarding the AIIMS. Union Home Minister Amit Shah had promised me a Centre for Forensic Sciences Laboratory, Research and Training Institute in Thrissur. The Centre is moving forward with the file. However, the State government has attempted to obstruct the process by stating that it prefers Thiruvananthapuram for establishing the facility. It also noted that government land is unavailable for the project in Thrissur. I responded to this resistance by saying that let the Centre allocate the project to Stalin [Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin]. I had Cumbum and Theni in mind as possible locations when I stated that," he added.

Mr. Gopi said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked him why Alappuzha was not on the list of places for a possible AIIMS.

IISc researchers develop new system to transform seawater into drinking water

This is said to carry out the process in a faster and cost effective manner compared to the existing methods; the desalination unit is low-cost, scalable, and sustainable

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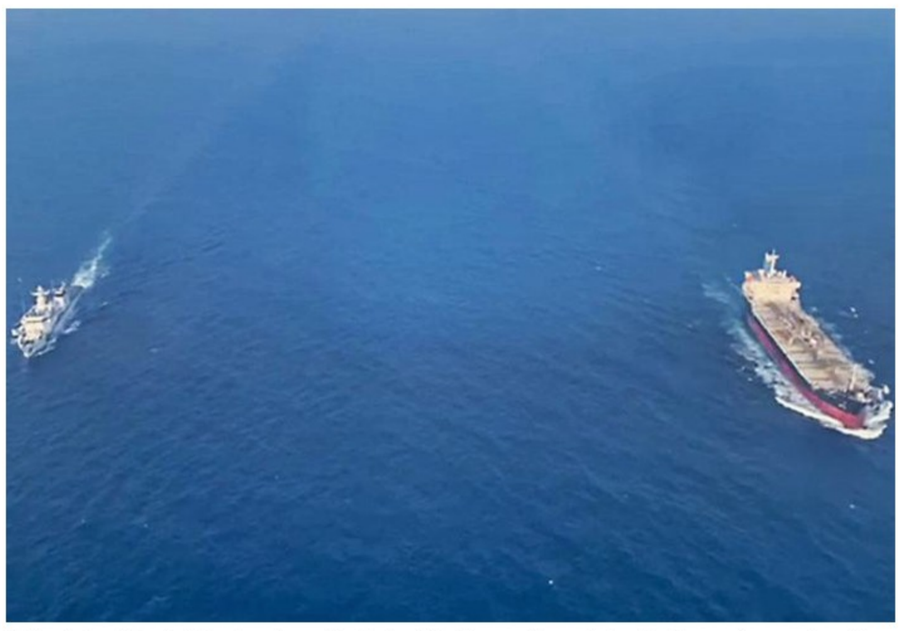

A file photo of the Arabian Sea. According to the IISc, the new thermal desalination system can handle extremely salty water (up to 20% salt) without clogging.

Researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a new siphon-based thermal desalination system which can transform salty seawater into clean drinking water. This system is said to carry out the process in a faster and cost effective manner compared to the existing methods.

According to the Department of Science and Technology, traditional solar stills, which mimic nature's water cycle, have long been promoted as simple water purifiers.

Two challenges

However, the department said that this method faces two persistent challenges which are salt buildup, where crusts form on evaporator surfaces resulting in blocking water flow.

The second challenge with this method is scaling limits where wicking materials can only lift water about 10-15 cm, restricting system size and output.

The department said that the IISc team of researchers have addressed both challenges using the principle of siphonage. The siphon-based thermal desalination system developed by the researchers uses a composite siphon which is a fabric wick paired with a grooved metallic surface. The fabric draws salty water from a reservoir, while gravity ensures a smooth, continuous flow. Instead of allowing salt to crystallize, the siphon flushes it away before buildup occurs.

"The water spreads as a thin film across the heated metal surface, evaporates, and then condenses just two millimeters away onto a cooler surface. This ultra-narrow air gap significantly enhances efficiency, producing more than six liters of clean water per square meter per hour under sunlight which is several times higher than conventional solar stills," the department said.

By stacking multiple evaporator-condenser pairs, the device recycles heat repeatedly, squeezing maximum output from each ray of sunshine.

The department said that the desalination unit is low-cost, scalable, and sustainable, relying only on simple materials such as aluminum and fabric.

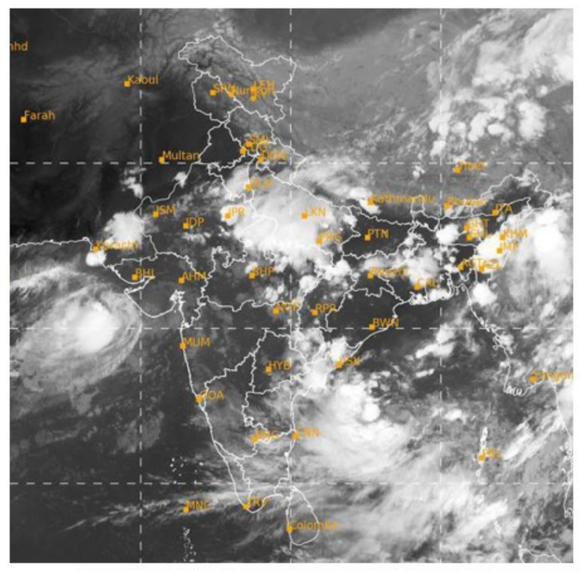
The system can run on solar energy or waste heat, making it suitable for off-grid communities, disaster zones, and arid coastal regions. It can also handle extremely salty water (up to 20% salt) without clogging which is a major advance in brine treatment.

The department said that this system could help secure safe drinking water for millions in water-stressed regions.

"From small villages to island nations, the siphon-powered desalination system may finally make the ocean a dependable source of fresh drinking water," it said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	36.4	26.7	Kozhikode	0.9	33.4	25.4
Ahmedabad	1	30.4	24.1	Kurnool	24	31.5	22.9
Aizawl	—	34.0	21.9	Lucknow	—	35.0	27.6
Allahabad	—	34.8	26.2	Madurai	—	37.5	23.7
Bengaluru	—	28.9	19.4	Mangaluru	—	30.2	23.6
Bhopal	—	30.4	23.6	Mumbai	12	31.1	23.4
Bhubaneswar	—	35.2	24.8	Mysuru	—	31.0	18.0
Chandigarh	—	36.7	23.9	New Delhi	—	34.2	28.7
Chennai	—	33.1	25.8	Patna	—	35.0	29.1
Coimbatore	—	33.4	23.0	Port Blair	43	29.6	23.6
Dehradun	9	33.0	23.0	Puducherry	—	32.9	—
Gangtok	39	25.0	17.0	Pune	1.4	29.9	21.8
Goa	—	30.7	24.6	Raipur	—	33.4	25.1
Guwahati	—	36.2	26.4	Ranchi	—	31.8	23.0
Hubballi	—	28.0	22.0	Shillong	6	26.5	17.2
Hyderabad	—	30.8	21.6	Shimla	—	25.0	16.0
Imphal	—	33.2	26.6	Srinagar	—	29.4	11.0
Jaipur	0.1	32.0	27.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.2	24.8
Kochi	0.4	30.6	24.8	Tiruchi	—	36.1	25.6
Kohima	1	26.9	19.1	Vijayawada	—	34.1	25.4
Kolkata	—	35.6	28.0	Visakhapatnam	9	33.0	25.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.44	..51	.46	24	44	
Bengaluru	...9	..13	.37	29	...135	
Chennai	...9	..15	.55	49	61	
Delhi	.12	..49	.62	...250	...105	
Hyderabad	...6	..36	.30	99	70	
Kolkata	...6	..28	.44	77	80	
Lucknow	...8	..38	.95	...132	...129	
Mumbai	.10	..44	.85	25	43	
Pune	..—	..15	154	.....—	17	
Visakhapatnam	...7	..40	.24	51	64	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 178 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 8

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Dasara fly-past

Shooting stars: The Indian Air Force's Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team showcasing breathtaking manoeuvres in their iconic red-and-white Hawk Mk-132 jets at the Mysuru Dasara Air Show on Tuesday. M.A.SRIRAM

Ahead of polls in Kerala, UDF eyes NSS support

The Hindu Bureau
KOTTAYAM

The NSS leadership is unwilling to regard the visits by UDF leaders as part of their efforts to repair relations

With elections fast approaching in Kerala, the United Democratic Front (UDF) leadership has intensified efforts to mend ties with the Nair Service Society (NSS), the influential community organisation that has aligned with the Left Democratic Front on the Sabarimala issue.

In recent days, Congress Working Committee special invitee Kodikkunnil Suresh, KPCC disciplinary committee chairman Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, senior leader P.J. Kurian, and Kerala Congress deputy chairman Francis George visited the NSS headquarters at Perunna and held discussions with its general secretary, G. Sukumaran Nair. Speaking to presspersons, Mr. Radhakrishnan described his visit as a courtesy call without any political agenda. Mr. George echoed this, saying it was a friendly visit as his late father, Kerala Congress leader K.M. George, had a close relationship with the NSS.

The NSS leadership, however, remains firm in its stance and appears unwilling to regard these visits as part of the UDF's efforts to repair relations. Sources say the NSS leadership believes the UDF is politicising the issue of preserving religious faith rather than standing with the faithful.

"The NSS has raised genuine concerns about the protection of faith. There is no need to politicise the issue. They should clearly articulate their position before making visits to the NSS headquarters," a senior NSS leader said.

Meanwhile, dissent is brewing within a section of the NSS over the stance adopted by Mr. Nair. Banners branding Mr. Nair as a "traitor" have appeared outside several NSS Karayogam offices.

BJP harps on 'October revolution' again

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Raising the issue of "political uncertainty" yet again, the BJP on Tuesday maintained that there was a clear sign of an "October revolution" in the ruling Congress which would bring about a change of Chief Minister. Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok predicted the "October revolution", while saying that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah appeared to be losing control over administration. "Statements by various Ministers on different issues hint that the Chief Minister is losing his grip over them," he maintained.

Death threat to Rahul: BJP leader surrenders, gets bail

The Hindu Bureau
THRISSUR

The UDF disrupted the Assembly proceedings over the State government's failure to prosecute Mahadevan on Tuesday. PTI

Printu Mahadevan, former Kerala State president of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) teachers' cell State convener, who made a death threat to Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi during a television debate, surrendered before the police on Tuesday evening. He was later granted bail by the Kunnamkulam Judicial First Class Magistrate .

The Peramangalam police had registered a case against Mr. Mahadevan under Sections 192, 352, and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for instigating unrest and issuing threats. "I am a teacher. I don't promote violence," he said.

The controversy erupted after he remarked that "a bullet would be fired at Rahul Gandhi's chest" during a discussion.

The UDF Opposition disrupted the Assembly proceedings on Tuesday after Speaker A.N. Shamseer rejected its adjournment motion on the government's "failure to prosecute" the BJP spokesperson who issued "death threats against Rahul Gandhi".

No option in app to record data of families refusing to join Karnataka social and educational survey

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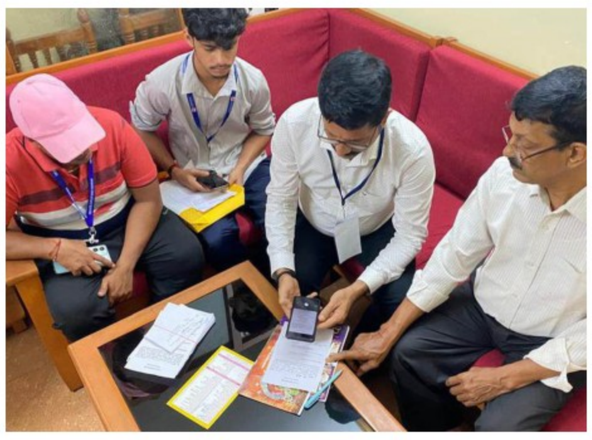
An enumerator recording answers for the Social and Educational Survey at a house in Mangaluru on Sunday H.S. MANJUNATH

Enumerators of the Social and Educational Survey in Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka say the app being used does not have an option to record the refusal of people to take part in the survey. Hence, even if they visit houses where families refuse to be part of the survey, the app reflects it as "pending".

The district administration has been pushing enumerators to survey more houses, referring to poor performance so far.

The enumerators said that people were expressing their unwillingness to take part in the survey citing paucity of time or other reasons. The enumerators took a written undertaking from such families who refused to be part of the survey.

Similarly, sheds, unoccupied houses, and commercial buildings too appeared under the "pending" list on the app. These places are on the enumerators' list of houses to survey, as Unique Health Identification (UHID) numbers have been issued on the basis of electricity meter Revenue Register (RR) numbers.

The app is silent on how to mark such places, an enumerator said.

Another enumerator said that in areas with poor Internet coverage, the meter readers and linemen had pasted UHID stickers to houses but geo-tagged their location from where network was available.

During a meeting called by the district administration to seek the cooperation of the people for the survey here on Monday, Deputy Director of Public Instruction G. Shashidhar said in an apartment complex, an electricity meter reader had handed over the UHID number stickers of all 394 houses to the security guards. But so far, only 109 houses had collected them. The four enumerators, posted for the apartment, had found it difficult to complete the survey, Mr. Shashidhar said.

Concerns raised

The issues concerning enumerators have been brought to the notice of Deputy Commissioner H.V. Darshan during his meeting with district officials on Monday.

On Tuesday, enumerators did the survey work using the new eighth version of the app.

INBRIEF

Centre's fiscal deficit 38% of full-year target at Aug.-end

The Centre's fiscal deficit stood at 38.1% of the full-year target at the end of August, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on Tuesday. The fiscal deficit was 27% of the Budget Estimates (BE) of 2024-25 in the first five months of the previous financial year. In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit, or gap between the government's expenditure and revenue, was ₹5,98,153 crore in the April-August period of 2025-26. PTI

Indian Railways to launch first 'assured' transit time service

Indian Railways, in partnership with Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), will launch its first container train service with assured transit time, on a pilot basis from October 1, 2025. The bi-weekly service will run from Inland Container Depot (ICD) Tughlakabad, Delhi, to CONCOR's CTCS terminal in Kolkata via Agra and Kanpur. It offers a guaranteed transit of 120 hours, a first for container services on this corridor. It will depart every Wednesday and Saturday.

External debt rises $11.2 bn; net NRI claims fall $16.4 bn

India's external debt, at end-June 2025, was placed at $747.2 billion, an increase of $ 11.2 billion over its level at end-March 2025, as per data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday. The net claims of non-residents (NR) on India declined by $16.4 billion during Q1:2025-26 and stood at $312.8 billion as at end-June 2025, according to India's International Investment Position (IIP) data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday.

FPIs withdraw from Indian equities for third straight month

Analysts say the reasons range from tariff uncertainty to dull company earnings for multiple quarters and disproportionately high valuations

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) withdrew ₹23,885 crore from Indian stocks in September, making it the third consecutive month of net outflows from the Indian stock market, according to data from the National Securities and Depositories Ltd. (NSDL).

FPIs have been withdrawing money from the Indian stock market since September 2024, on and off. To be sure, the calendar year began with a net flow of more than ₹78,000 crore in January 2025 after which there were two consecutive months of outflows. This was followed by moderate inflows in April, May and June 2025.

Sentiments were pessimistic even in calendar year 2024, with the highest ever outflows in October going as high as ₹94,000 crore.

Despite this, FPIs had a net inflow of ₹1 lakh crore as of September 2024.

However, between January and September this year, foreign investors have pulled out ₹1.54 lakh crore from Indian equities, making it worse than the previous year.

Some analysts cite short-term reasons like the uncertainty in tariffs, while others say that dull earnings of companies for multiple quarters and disproportionately high valuations have made these stocks unattractive. The increasing rupee depreciation makes the dollar returns smaller.

Losing sheen: Between January and Sept. 2025, foreign investors have pulled out ₹1.54 lakh crore from Indian equities. PTI

According to a report by Elara Capital, managers of emerging market funds have cut India allocation to 16.7%, which is the worst since November 2023.

India constituted 21% of their allocation in September 2024. These funds are instead moving to China.

"Active global emerging market (GEM) managers remain net sellers of India {stocks], continuing to rotate towards China. India's allocation in GEM funds peaked at 21% in September 24 but has since fallen sharply to 16.7% [lowest since November 23]. In contrast, China's allocation has climbed to 28.8%, marking a decisive reversal in positioning," according to Elara's report.

"As of August 2025, global funds held $390 billion in Indian assets. Of these, funds with high conviction in India's long-term growth have been withdrawing from the country. This is the first such instance since April 2018 and "raises questions about the strength and sustainability of foreign investor conviction in India's medium-term growth story," says another report by Elara.

Domestic markets

Returns in domestic markets have also been dull. For instance, Nifty50 index was down 4.6% to 24,611.1 points on September 1, 2025, from 25,810.85 on the same day last year.

Analysts say that FPI flows will continue to be volatile given the H1-B visa fee hike, the 100% U.S. tariff on branded pharmaceuticals, and a ramp up in Chinese investments in AI.

ADB cuts India's FY26 growth forecast to 6.5% on U.S. tariff impact

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has downgraded India's growth outlook for the current financial year to 6.5% from the 6.7% predicted in April, on account of the impact of the 50% tariffs imposed by the U.S. on imports from India.

The outlook for 2026-27 has also been revised downwards to 6.5% from the earlier prediction of 6.8%.

The ADB, in its Asian Development Outlook September 2025, released on Tuesday, also reduced its growth forecast for developing Asia to 4.8% for the current year 2025 from its forecast in April of 4.9%. Similarly, the forecast for 2026 has been cut to 4.5% from 4.7%.

"The revisions reflect downgrades for India, hit by steep tariff hikes, and Southeast Asia, driven by a worse and more uncertain global environment," the report said. India faces the steepest tariff hikes among developing Asian economies, prompting a downgrade in its growth outlook."

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The report further said that, despite strong growth in the first quarter of the current financial year, driven by consumption and public investment, the elevated U.S. tariffs, which it said affected about 60% of goods exported to the U.S., will weigh on growth starting in the second half of 2025-26 and in 2026-27.

"Merchandise exports are expected to grow only modestly, constrained by US tariffs on key exports, while exports of services are expected to remain robust and a key driver of growth," it said. "Investment growth is expected to be lower than previously forecast, with corporate investment still subdued by global trade uncertainty."

The escalation in tariffs is expected to weigh heavily on key export sectors such as textiles, readymade garments, jewellery, shrimp, and chemicals, the report noted. On the other hand, however, it noted that consumption demand is expected to grow more than previously expected, aided by lower food prices and cuts to consumption and income taxes.

"The 2025-26 inflation projection for India is revised downward to 3.1%, reflecting subdued global oil prices and a faster-than-expected decline in food prices due to higher agricultural production," the report said.

However, it added that food prices are expected to normalise in 2026-27, leading to an upward revision of the inflation forecast to 4.2% for that year.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,268	-0.12
US Dollar	88.80	-0.05
Gold	1,20,000	0.41
Brent oil	67.16	-1.01

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2505.90	-3.60
Adani Ports	1403.50	20.30
Apollo Hosp	7409.00	-35.00
Asian Paints	2350.00	7.40
Axis Bank	1131.60	-0.60
Bajaj Auto	8678.50	-39.00
Bajaj Finserv	2006.40	-18.30
Bajaj Finance	998.90	7.95
Bharat Elec	403.95	4.00
Bharti Airtel	1878.40	-23.80
Cipla	1503.30	15.30
Coal India	389.95	1.65
Dr Reddys Lab	1223.70	-10.90
Eicher Motors	7005.50	20.50
Eternal Ltd.	325.50	0.65
Grasim Ind	2756.90	10.00
HCL Tech	1385.10	-2.30
HDFC Bank	951.00	0.70
HDFC Life	756.45	-0.15
Hindalco	761.95	8.15
Hind Unilever	2514.40	16.50
ICICI Bank	1348.00	-0.10
IntGlobeAvi	5594.50	-112.50
Infosys	1441.80	0.00
ITC	401.55	-5.70
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	293.20	-1.00
JSW Steel	1142.70	20.50
Kotak Bank	1992.70	1.10
L&T	3659.00	-29.40
M&M	3427.00	8.90
Maruti Suzuki	16029.00	45.00
Max Healthcare	1114.70	2.70
NestleIndia	1152.90	0.40
NTPC	340.45	-0.50
ONGC	239.50	-0.48
PowerGrid Corp	280.25	-0.35
Reliance Ind	1364.00	-8.80
SBI Life	1790.60	1.90
State Bank	872.45	1.70
Shriram Finance Ltd.	616.10	4.30
Sun Pharma	1594.30	5.00
TataConsumerProduct	1129.30	6.20
Tata Motors	680.20	7.70
Tata Steel	168.77	-0.21
TCS	2888.40	-7.70
Tech Mahindra	1400.30	-10.40
Titan	3367.00	-34.20
Trent Ltd.	4677.50	-53.00
UltraTech Cement	12222.00	181.00
Wipro	239.37	-0.27

Omega Seiki unveils 'autonomous' electric 3-wheeler

Omega Seiki Mobility said it had officially launched Swayamgati, the "worlds's first production-ready autonomous electric three-wheeler" in the Indian market priced at ₹4 lakh.

Centre extends RoDTEP export sop plan till March 2026

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Government has extended the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) incentive scheme for exporters until March 31, 2026. Exporters welcomed the move, saying it removes substantial uncertainty and comes when Indian exports are facing significant headwinds.

Started in 2021, the RoDTEP scheme provides refunds to exporters for any embedded duties, taxes, and levies incurred by them not already refunded under other schemes.

The scheme had earlier been available until February 5 this year. In May, following significant lobbying by exporters, the government restored the RoDTEP scheme for exporters done by Advance Authorisation (AA) holders, Export-Oriented Units (EOUs), and units in Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

Exporters can get refund for embedded duties, taxes, levies not refunded via other schemes

"The timely extension of RoDTEP has removed the uncertainty that was weighing on the exporting community," said S.C. Ralhan, president of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations.

AI to train 5,000 new pilots over a decade

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Air India says it will train more than 5,000 new pilots over the next decade at a training facility it unveiled on Tuesday here.

The centre now has two Airbus A320 simulators and will add 8 more over time, including India's first A350 simulators helping the airline save costs and resources on sending pilots overseas for training.

"This facility is a major step forward in our transformation journey and in making Air India and the Indian aviation industry more self-reliant," AI CEO Campbell Wilson said.

The centre will eventually have 21 simulators, including those of Boeing.

The Air India Training Academy is likely to train AI professionals, including pilots, cabin crew, ground handling, engineering and security staff over the next few years and host management training programmes. AI a is also in the process of setting up South Asia's largest Flying Training Organisation (FTO) at Amravati in Maharashtra.

The training centre will eventually have 21 simulators

AI has planned an aircraft maintenance engineering school for supply of skilled engineers.

At 25, OnMobile Global eyes next phase of growth, gaming

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

OnMobile Global Ltd., whose story began in 2000 as a mobile value-added service technology project at Infosys, is now focusing on growing mobile gaming business, said executive chairman and CEO Francois-Charles Sirois.

"Reaching 25 years is a significant milestone. We are now on our next big journey, which is gaming," said Mr. Sirois. We have made big investment in our new cloud gaming platform, ONMO," he said.

"Gaming is set to log 50% of OnMobile's revenue in the next 18 months.

Francois-Charles Sirois

The rest will be via AI-based media services, streaming and other services." Now, only 2% of revenue comes from India. This would change with unveiling of cloud-based virtual gaming console.

Inspired by Google Stadia's $5 billion project,OnMobile partnered telcos, deployed servers at local data centres and geared up to deliver PlayStation/Xbox-quality games at a fraction of the cost.

Instead of a $500 PlayStation, it is packaging an affordable console that allows access to high-end titles on a pay-per-use basis, as low as 20 cents per hour. "It will be a game-changer for markets like India and Africa," he said.

"PlayStation sold 25 million units a year at $500 each. Imagine how many we can sell at $25."

Today, OnMobile has a gaming subscriber base of 12.04 million as on Q1, targeting revenue of $2 million a month by year-end.

'Tariff-led export pain hits ratings of some firms'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Credit rating agencies increased the number of ratings cuts they implemented as U.S. tariffs hit export-oriented sectors in the first half of fiscal 2026.

In H1FY26, Crisil upgraded 2.17 times the number of firmsit downgraded during that time. This was 3 for India Ratings against 3.5 last year. Only CareEdge's upgrade-downgrade ratio rose to 2.56 from 1.62. Ind-Ra and Crisil cited tariff hit to exports as the reason behind upgrade-to-downgrade ratio drop.

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Tender Notice

The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkamagaluru, invites tenders through K.P.P.P. for the works in Chikkamagaluru Taluk, Chikka magaluru District. The maximum estimated cost of the work is Rs.60.50 lakhs and the minimum estimated cost is Rs.10.00 lakhs. The said works will be awarded by K.P.P.P. Details of the capacity to undertake or manage the work should be attached as per Standard Tender Document KW-1&3.The documents downloaded, should be filled and uploaded through the website (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from 26.09.2025 to 10.10.2025, by 5.30 PM. The technical bid will be opened on 13.10.2025 at 11.00AM. The financial bid will be opened on 18.10.2025 at 5.05PM, if possible. If this date falls on a holiday, the next day will not be considered. The announcement can be read on the website kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For more details, contact the Content Administrator during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkamagaluru
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TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL-3)
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Reference : This office Tender Notification No: 794/2025-26 Dated: 26.09.2025

Turnkey Tender in electronic mode are invited on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, SLIS Division No.1, Mundargi, Gadag District from the eligible Tenderers who are fulfilled the terms and conditions mentioned as in Tender Notification cited at reference (1) above. The tender having Indent No. 3236 in KPP-Portal. The amount put to tender the works are Rs.**197.03** Crore (Including GST) and the EMD amount for respective work is Rs.**1.67** Crore.

Therefore, The bidders can access this tender in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website from **30.09.2025** and the last date of submission for the tender is **30.10.2025** and date of opening of Technical Bid **31.10.2025.** A Pre-bid meeting held on **13.10.2025** at 11:30 AM in office of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru.

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MANILA

Magnitude 6.9 earthquake strikes off coast of central Philippines

AFP

A 6.9-magnitude quake struck off the coast of central Philippines on Tuesday evening with no immediate reports of casualties or damage. The local seismology office warned of a possible "minor sea-level disturbance" and urged residents of the central islands of Leyte, Cebu and Biliran to "stay away from the beach". AFP

NEW YORK

YouTube to pay $22 million for suspending Trump's account

AFP

YouTube has agreed to pay $22 million to settle a lawsuit filed by Donald Trump after the company suspended his account over the January 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol, according to a court filing. YouTube agreed to payments of $2.5 million to a host of other Trump allies, including the American Conservative Union. AFP

PARIS

South African Ambassador found dead outside a hotel in Paris

AFP

South Africa's Ambassador to France was found dead on Tuesday outside a Paris hotel after the window of his room in the high-rise building was forced open. A source close to the case said Nkosinathi Emmanuel Nathi Mthethwa, 58, usually known as Nathi Mthethwa, had depression and his death could have been suicide. AFP

TEHRAN

120 Iranians deported from U.S. to arrive in the country this week

AP

Iran said on Tuesday that 120 nationals being deported from the United States as part of its President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown, will fly home this week. The New York Times reported that the rare agreement between the longtime foes has been the fruit of several months of negotiations. AFP

Hamas reviews Israel-backed Gaza truce plan as Trump gives deadline

Hamas begins consultations about the plan within its political and military leaderships; eight Arab or Muslim-majority nations say they 'welcome the role of the American President and his sincere efforts aimed at ending the war in Gaza'

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

U.S. President Donald Trump gave Hamas an ultimatum of "three or four days" on Tuesday to respond to his plan for Gaza, as the militant group reviewed the proposal backed by Israel.

The plan calls for a ceasefire, release of hostages by Hamas within 72 hours, disarmament of Hamas and gradual Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, followed by a post-war transitional authority headed by Mr. Trump himself.

Meagre means: A man cooks lentils at a camp for people displaced by conflict in Khan Yunis in southern Gaza on Monday. AFP

World powers, including Arab and Muslim nations, welcomed the proposal, but Hamas had yet to issue its response on the ceasefire plan.

"We are going to do about three or four days," Mr. Trump told reporters when asked about any timeframe.

"We are just waiting for Hamas, and Hamas is either going to be doing it or not. And if it's not, it's going to be a very sad end."

Trump-Netanyahu meet

Mr. Trump announced the deal at the White House on Monday after meeting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

On Tuesday, a Palestinian source said Hamas had begun consultations on the plan "within its political and military leaderships, both inside Palestine and abroad".

"The discussions could take several days due to the complexities," the Palestinian source added.

Eight Arab or Muslim-majority nations said they "welcome the role of the American President and his sincere efforts aimed at ending the war in Gaza".

In a joint statement, they said they "affirm their readiness to engage positively and constructively with the United States and the parties toward finalising the agreement and ensuring its implementation".

The countries include Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates and Turkiye – which all recognise Israel, although some have turbulent relationships.

Trump's plan seeks to put Gaza under external rule without Hamas; Israel to stay

NEWS ANALYSIS

Stanly Johny

U.S. President Donald Trump, while speaking from the White House on Monday, along with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, hailed it a "historic day for peace'. The 20-point peace plan for Gaza, which the White House released after the President's meeting with the Israeli leader, has won "incredible support" from the countries in West Asia and neighbouring Israel, claimed the U.S. leader.

The plan promises an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and resumption of increased humanitarian aid to the Palestinian enclave, provided Hamas accepts it. Mr. Trump and his ally Mr. Netanyahu have issued an ultimatum to Hamas to accept the plan. If Hamas doesn't accept it, Israel will continue the war "to finish the job". According to the proposal, which envisages Gaza as "a deradicalised terror-free zone", Hamas should release all hostages, alive and dead, within 72 hours, and Israel forces will withdraw to an agreed upon line within the territory. Once the hostages are released, Israel will free over 2,000 Palestinian prisoners.

Donald Trump

Core questions

The plan seeks to address the three critical questions that held up Gaza peace talks until now – the future of Hamas, the 'day after' for Gaza and Israel's military presence in the strip.

Regarding Hamas, the Trump plan says the group will have no role in the post-war administration of Gaza. It wants Hamas to decommission itself and Hamas's offensive capabilities to be destroyed. If Hamas leaders agree to the terms, they will be provided amnesty and safe passage out of Gaza if they wish to leave the enclave. The plan also seeks to establish a temporary transitional governance committee to run day-to-day affairs of Gaza. The oversight of the committee will rest with a 'Board of Peace', an international body which will be chaired by Mr. Trump and will have members, including former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, one of the authors of the Gaza plan.

International force

The U.S. will work with Arab and other "international partners" to develop a temporary International Stabilisation Force (ISF) to immediately deploy in Gaza. The ISF will provide security and train Palestinian police officers, in consultation with Jordan and Egypt. It says Palestinians will not be forced to leave Gaza and that Israel will not occupy or annex Gaza. While the proposal does not provide any time line, Gaza will remain under the control of the Board of Peace until the Palestinian Authority's "reform programme is faithfully carried out"– it does not say who will implement reforms and who will oversee them.

It offers no clear path or plan for a Palestinian state, but merely says once the plan is implemented, "the conditions may finally be in place for a credible pathway to Palestinian self-determination and statehood, which we recognise as the aspiration of the Palestinian people".

While Mr. Trump presented his 20-point proposal as a major peace breakthrough, it offers little real hope for Palestinians beyond a temporary respite from daily Israeli violence. If Hamas rejects the proposal, Mr. Trump and Mr. Netanyahu can conveniently blame the Islamist group and continue the war.

If Hamas, under pressure from all sides, accepts the proposal, the group will be forced to demobilise and hand over Gaza to a foreign-controlled body. Israeli troops will remain on the ground, in what the Trump plan calls "a security perimeter", "until Gaza is properly secure from any resurgent terror threat".

The Palestinian Authority will have no meaningful role in governing Gaza, and Israel will retain the unilateral right to resume the war at any time. Crucially, the proposal says nothing about the West Bank, where Israeli settlements and settler violence continue to expand, displacing tens of thousands of Palestinians. Rather than a genuine roadmap to peace, the Trump plan appears to be an internationally convenient arrangement to place Gaza under external control and remove Hamas from the scene – an objective Israel failed to achieve militarily – without addressing the core political questions at the heart of the conflict.

Taliban's Internet cut sparks Afghanistan telecoms blackout

Agence France-Presse
KABUL

The United Nations called on Afghanistan's Taliban authorities on Monday to immediately restore Internet and telecommunications in the country, 24 hours after a nationwide blackout was imposed.

The government began shutting down high-speed Internet connections to some provinces earlier this month to prevent "immorality", on the orders of shadowy supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzada.

Mobile phone signal and Internet service weakened on Monday night until connectivity was less than 1% of ordinary levels.

Afghans are unable to contact each other, online businesses and the banking systems have frozen, and diaspoara abroad cannot send remittances to family. All flights were cancelled at Kabul airport.

"The cut in access has left Afghanistan almost completely cut off from the outside world, and risks inflicting significant harm on the Afghan people, including by threatening economic stability and exacerbating one of the world's worst humanitarian crises," the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said. "The current blackout also constitutes a further restriction on access to information and freedom of expression in Afghanistan," it added.

Blast near paramilitary office in southwest Pakistan kills 10

Press Trust of India
KARACHI

At least 10 persons were killed and over 30 others injured on Tuesday in a bomb attack against the paramilitary forces in Pakistan's troubled Balochistan province.

The blast ripped through a busy street close to the headquarters of Frontier Constabulary (FC) in Quetta, capital of the province.

Balochistan Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar confirmed the attack. "Ten people have been killed while 32 were injured in the blast," he said. The injured were rushed to the city's various hospitals, where an emergency was declared.

Security personnel inspect an explosion site outside the Frontier Corps (FC) headquarters in Quetta on Monday. AFP

Television footage and social media clips showed the powerful explosion ripping through the street, which also caught several civilians present in the vicinity.

While no group has claimed responsibility for the blast, Baloch insurgent groups frequently carry out attacks targeting security personnel in the province.

Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti strongly condemned the incident, calling it a "terrorist attack."

Trump tells military to use U.S. cities as training grounds

Agence France-Presse
QUANTICO

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Tuesday the military should use U.S. cities as training grounds for a "war from within" in a darkly authoritarian speech to a rare meeting of top officers.

Republican Trump told hundreds of generals and admirals summoned from around the world to be ready for a greater role in crackdowns on Democrat-run cities, including Chicago.

The assembled top brass were separately warned by Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth of a different challenge, as he vowed to eliminate "fat generals" and to roll back what he called "decades of decay."

Trump warns the rare meeting of the top U.S. military officers about a 'war from within'

"I told Pete, we should use some of these dangerous cities as training grounds for our military," Mr. Trump said in front of a huge American flag at a military facility in Quantico, Virginia.

Mr. Trump added that "we are going to straighten them out one by one, and this is going to be a major part for some of the people in this room. That's a war too – it's a war from within."

His hour-long address then took on an even more overtly political tone, in a break with previous Presidents who have tended to avoid domestic politics when addressing troops.

Unusual meeting

Former *Fox News* host-turned Defence Secretary Hegseth had summoned the highly unusual meeting last week before the U.S. President then announced that he would also speak.

Speculation had swirled about the purpose of gathering the whole U.S. top brass in one place, with talk of a major military announcement.

But in the end it was largely a doubling down on restoring what Iraq war veteran Mr. Hegseth called the "military ethos."

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क्रमांक/लेखा/श्रीसांमंम/2025-26/1692 दिनांक –: 27.09.2025

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श्री सांवलियाजी मंदिर मण्डल, मण्डफिया द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु पंजिकृत व योग्य संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र, विस्तृत विवरण व अन्य शर्तें http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in तथा http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पोर्टल पर दिनांक 01/10/2025 को प्रातः 09:00 बजे से उपलब्ध होकर दिनांक 23/10/2025 सायं 06:00 बजे तक ऑन लाईन सबमिट किये जा सकते है जिनकी तकनीकी निविदाएं दिनांक 24.10.2025 को दोपहर 12:00 बजे ऑनलाईन खोली जावेगी। निविदा संबंधी शुल्क व राशियां निविदा प्रपत्र में अंकित बैंक खाते में जमा करवानी होगी।

क्र	कार्य का विवरण	अनु0 लागत (लाखों में)	UBN
1.	Architectural Consultancy work for Development in area of S.S.M.M., Mandfiya	300.00	SMM2526SLOB00052
2.	Providing Trained Civilian Security Personnel for Sanwaliyaji Temple & Temple Propety.	500.00	SMM2526SLOB00053
3.	Providing of Manpower Services for S. S. M. M. Mandfiya.	2500.00	SMM2526SLOB00054
4.	Construction Of Foundation Of Tee-Pee Column At Ssmm Mandfiya	54.00	SMM2526WSOB00055
5.	S.I.T.C. of smart LED 43" TV (Android) set at Shri Sanw liya Seth Dharmshala SSMM.	50.00	SMM2526GLOB00056
6.	Construction Of Drain For Cottages And New Dharmshala Campus At SSMM Mandfiya	123.00	SMM2526WSOB00057
7.	Supply & fixing M.S. Railing from singhdwar to wrought iron gate at ssmm mandfiya	148.00	SMM2526WSOB00058
8.	Construction of two no's new grass godowns and remaining work of one no existing grass godown at Goshala campus of SSMM Mandfiya.	217.00	SMM2526WSOB00059
9.	SITC of Decorative electric Pole and lighting work on the remaining part/road from Mandfiya to Bhadsoda Chouraha	236.00	SMM2526WSOB00060
10.	Strengthening & Renewal of Road from Mandfiya To Kuretha.	279.00	SMM2526WSOB00061
11.	Providing & Fixing Furniture in Shree Sanwaliya Seth Dharmshala of SSMM at Mandfiya	288.00	SMM2526WSOB00062
12.	Work of General Repair, Maintenance & Addition Alteration at S.S.M.M.,Mandfiya.	300.00	SMM2526WSOB00063
13.	S.I.T.C. of Air -conditioning work for Up gradation of New Dharmshalla at SSSMM, Manfiya.	384.00	SMM2526WSOB00064
14.	Strengthening & Widening of Road from Fire Station to Kuretha Naka With Divider Work At Mandfiya	388.00	SMM2526WSOB00065
15.	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of DG set and other Electric work in New Dharmashala at Mandfiya.	400.00	SMM2526WSOB00066
16.	Construction Of CC With Drain At Ground Near Gokul Visranthi Grah At SSMM Mandfiya.	414.00	SMM2526WSOB00067
17.	Remaining Work of Shree Sanwaliya Seth Dharmshala At SSMM Mandfiya	479.00	SMM2526WSOB00068
18.	Construction of CC with Drain in Ground Near Hospital at Mandfiya.	812.00	SMM2526WLOB00069

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निविदा संख्या – 15/2025-26

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से **सड़क निर्माण कार्य** हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के ए, एए श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में सड़क निर्माण कार्य के लिए ई-प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया से ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

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ऑनलाईन निविदा खोलने की तारीख	10.10.2025 सायं 4.00 बजे से

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